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JOE SATRIANL

The guitar—a symbol as synonymous with rock-and-roll as with sex and drugs. While perhaps not as intriguing as the last two, the guitar has stood the test of time as the solid backbone of an entire musical genre. And attached to that structure is the impeccable Joe Satriani.

Joe Satriani is the guitar. Plain and simple. No one else has ever been able to play with such pizzazz, such fluidity, such timelessness. That's not to say that there aren't others out there who are accomplished—they just can't even come close to achieving the magic that Satriani performs as soon as his fingers mesh with the strings. Since the late '80s, self-taught virtuoso Joe Satriani has been winning over fans and musicians alike with his groundbreaking style and legendary sounds. He has been both artist and teacher, instructing such famous pupils as Metallica's Kirk Hammett, Counting Crow's David Bryson, and jazz fusionist Charlie Hunter. However, Satriani's strength as a player can be seen in his numerous solo recordings, the latest being his *Strange Beautiful Music* (Epic 2002).

Satriani's eighth full-length studio recording, *Strange Beautiful Music*, marks a departure from his last album, the Grammynominated *Engines of Creation*. Of his creative process, Satriani says, "I definitely set some parameters when I go to make a new record. I don't just do it blindly. I look at what I've done before and ask, What can I do that I haven't done? Those things are important to me." These seem like enormous shoes to fill for anyone, especially someone who has seemingly done it all—but we are talking about Joe Satriani.

So, Satriani decided to take a new route with his work, employing bassist Matt Bisonette and drummer Jeff Campitelli, and letting the music take on a life of its own. "I wanted them to hear the music early and give them room to move and make up their own parts, sort of like the way a normal rock band would. They had time to listen to my demos, not knowing if things would be replaced or not. They came in, played things around the tracks, and then we decided what we should keep or get rid of." This new creative process resulted in one of the most elaborate recordings Satriani has done to date. The intricacies and the layering of the guitars and bass bring Satriani's famous riff-saturated jams to soaring heights.

Another shift the album takes is its merging of alternate styles. "It's something I've always wanted to do: make a real rock record, but sample all the methods I've used before," Satriani says. "The songs are very specific; they are about my life, my feelings." This emotional side of Satriani is explored in such tracks as the spiritual "Chords of Life" and "You Saved My Life," a stunning piece layered with both feeling and exquisite craft. This sentimental side of Satriani does not in any way imply that he has forgotten how to rock. On "Seven String," he steps up to the plate established by the newer trend in rock and tackles the instrument favored by his nu-metal counterparts. And he is joined by fellow legend Robert Fripp on his homage to Santo and Johnny's classic, "Sleepwalk."

Satriani has enjoyed a long and distinguished career since he first picked up a guitar at age 14. He has been around the world several times on tours of his own, on tours with Mick Jagger and Deep Purple, and with his hugely successful G3 summer tours with fellow guitar legends Steve Vai, Eric Johnson, and Kenny Wayne Shepherd. As is his yearly tradition, Satriani inaugurated the current season for the Oakland A's baseball team by playing the national anthem at the opening game. Satriani has been known as the San Francisco sports team hero by also playing the national anthem for the 49ers and the Giants. Yet even with his seemingly endless performing and recording schedules, Satriani is still going strong—not only with his current release, *Strange Beautiful Music*, but also with his critically acclaimed DVD, *Live in San Francisco*, which has recently been certified gold.

Strange Beautiful Music marks yet another turning point in the enduring career that Satriani has been blessed with. "I'm just happy that I've been able to make a living and, I hope, a contribution, doing what I love most—playing my guitar," Satriani says of a career that is forging ahead into its second decade, "I'd like nothing more than to be able to keep doing this for years to come." Well, if his latest in a string of many accomplishments is any indication of the longevity of his career, Joe Satriani has nothing to worry about.

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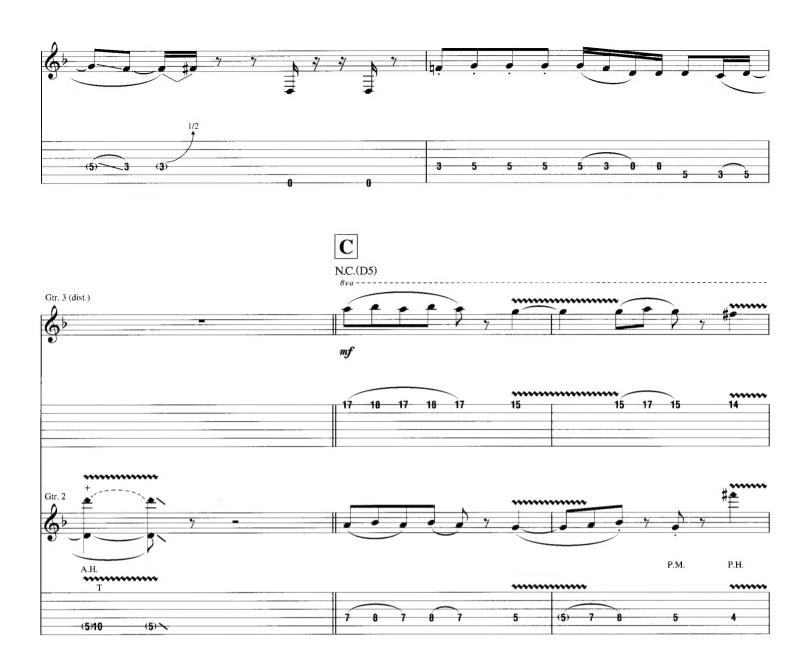
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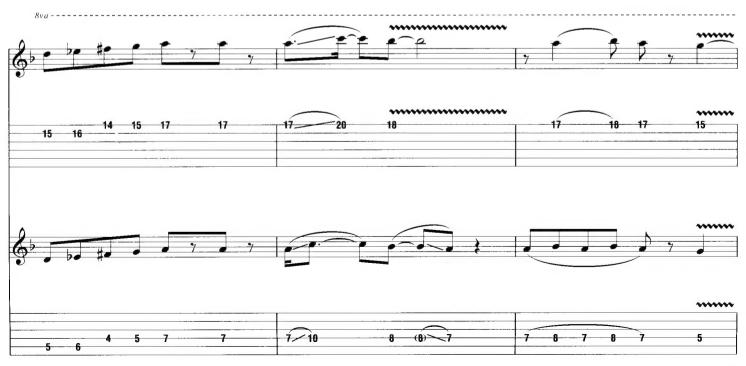
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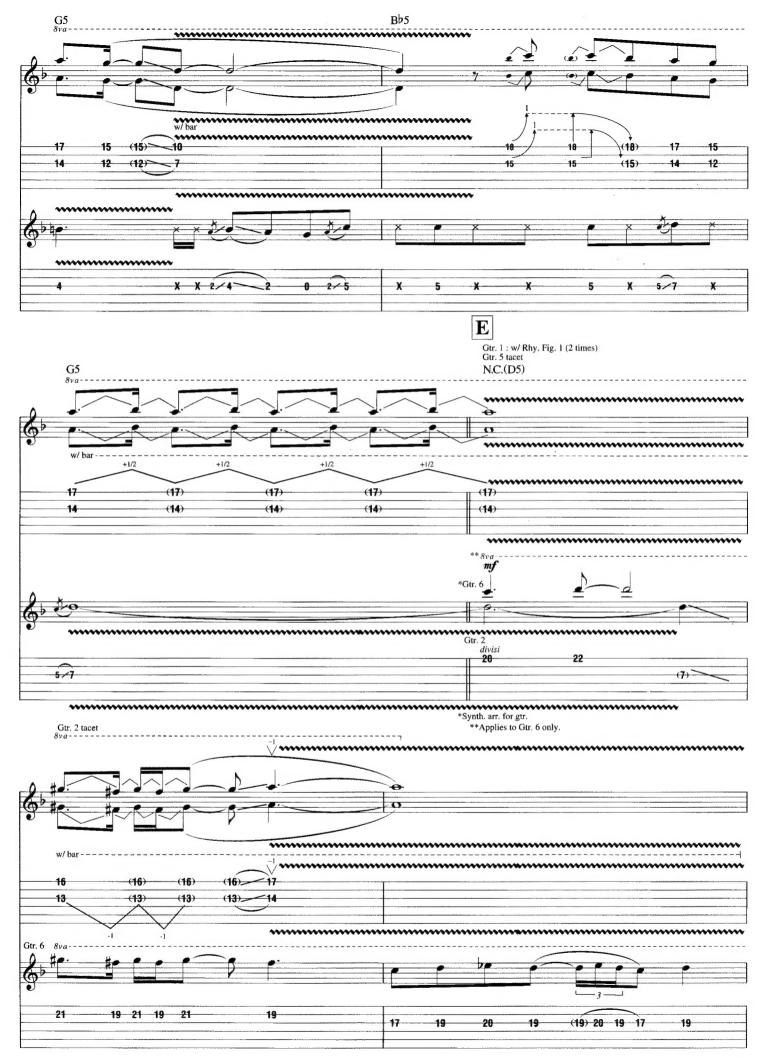
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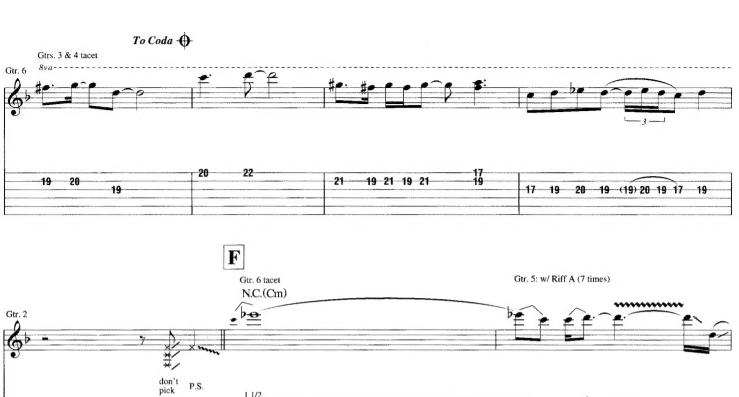


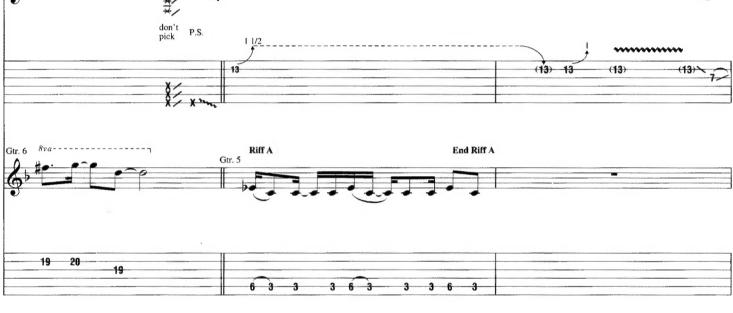


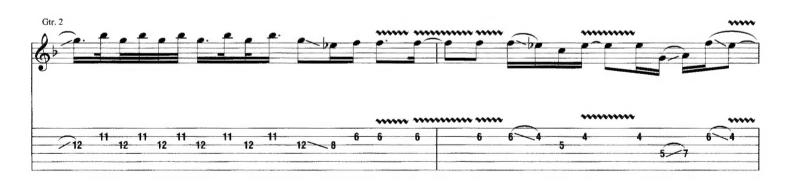














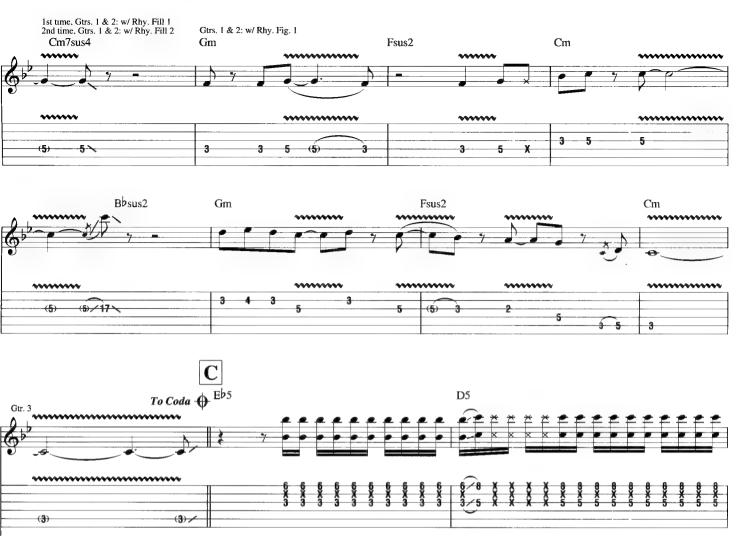


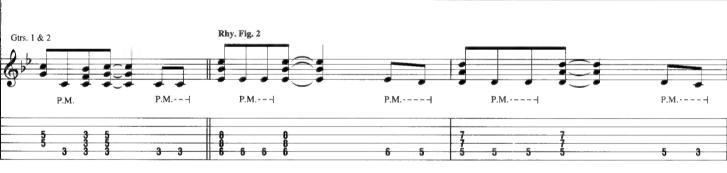


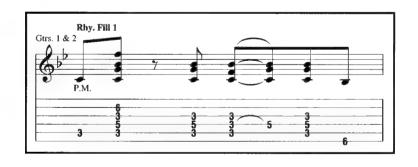


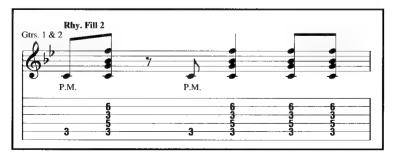
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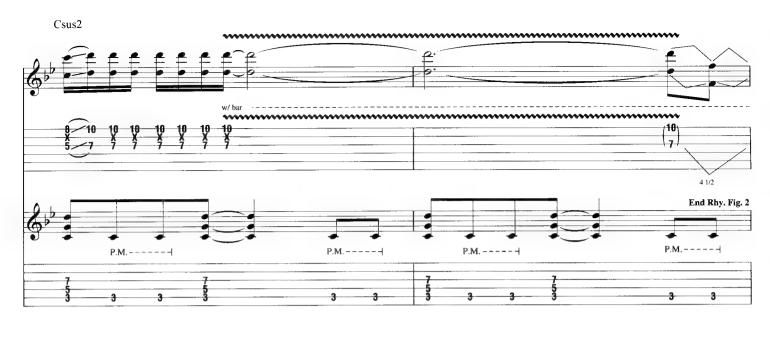


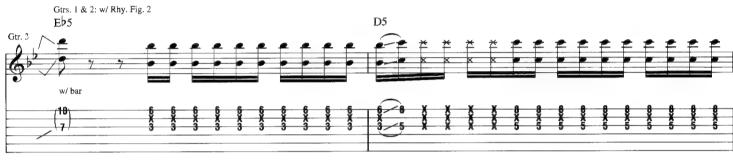


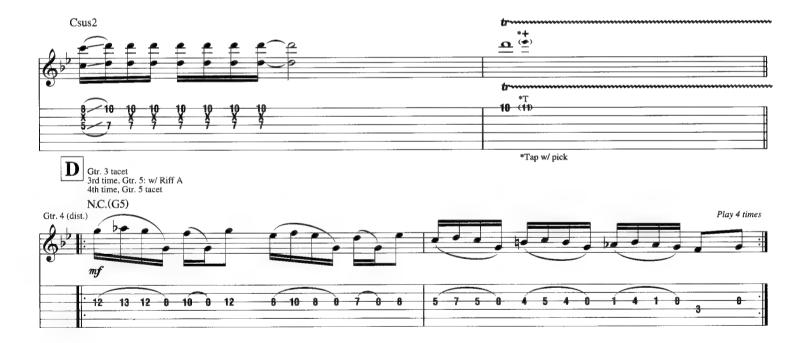


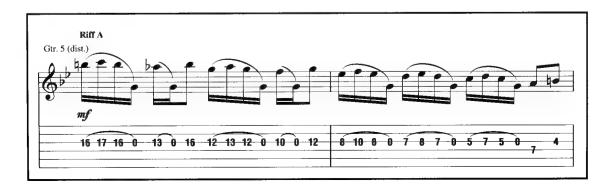










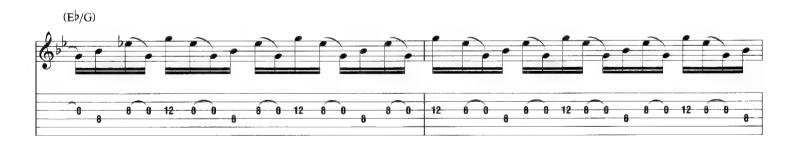


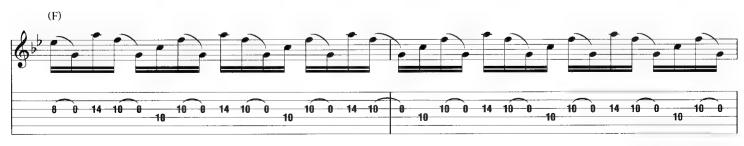


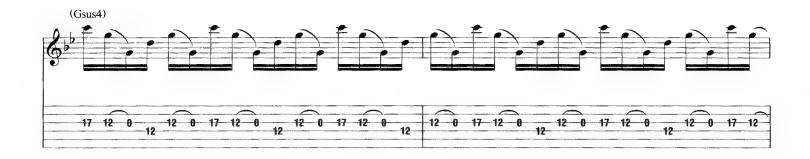


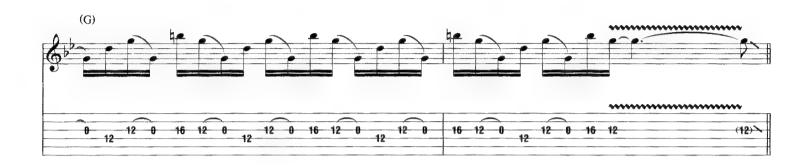


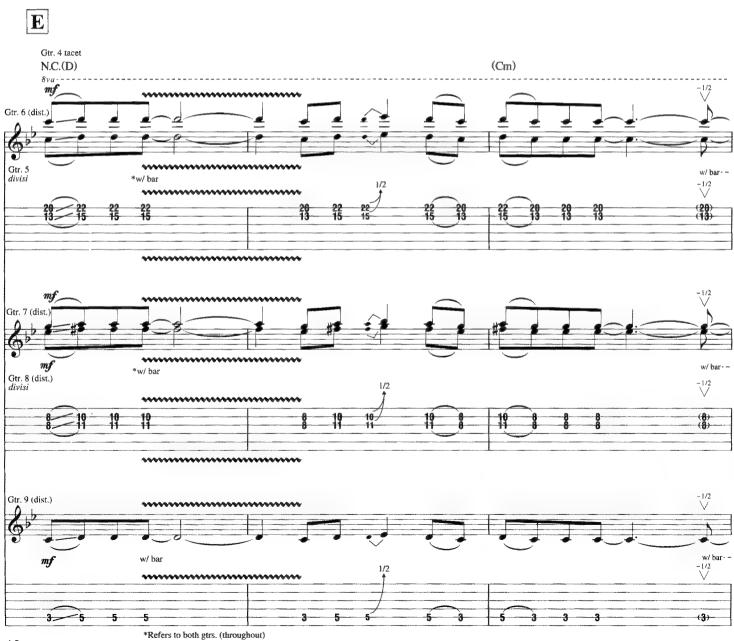


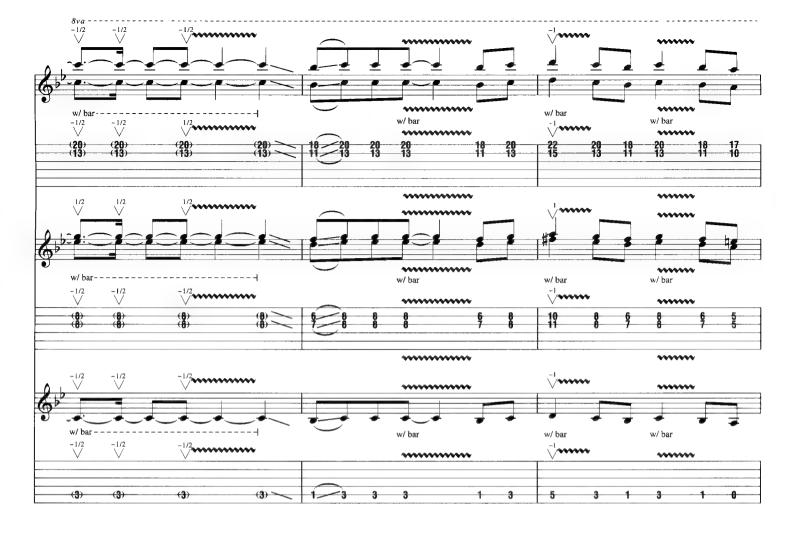


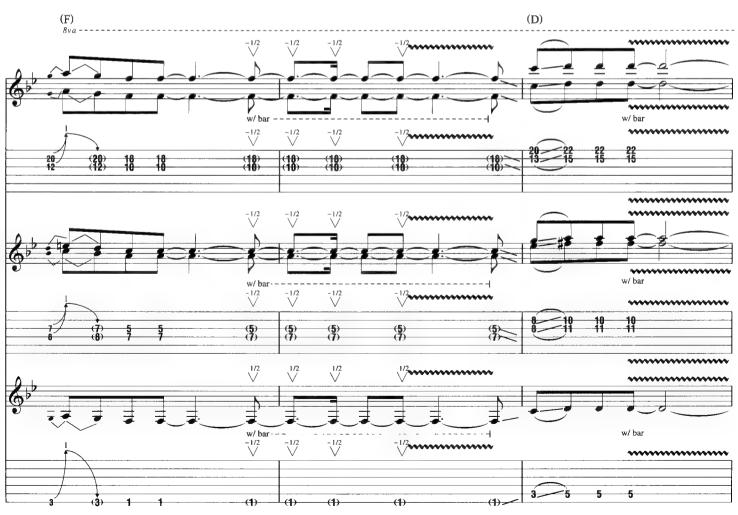


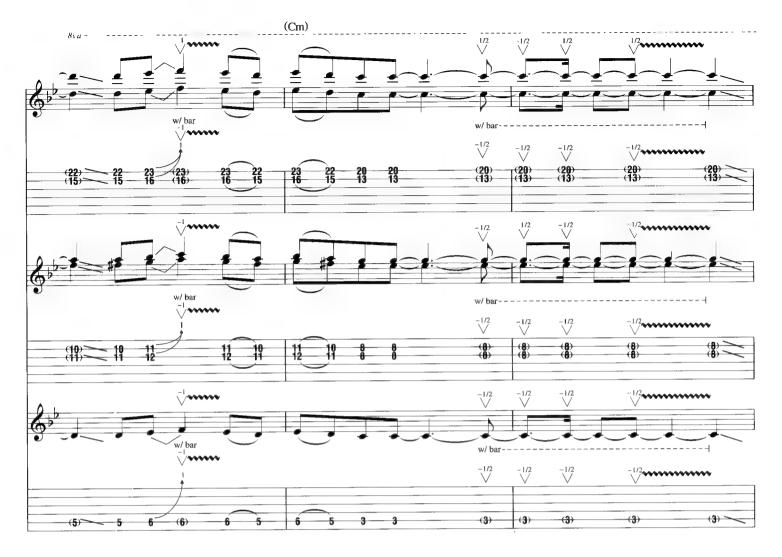


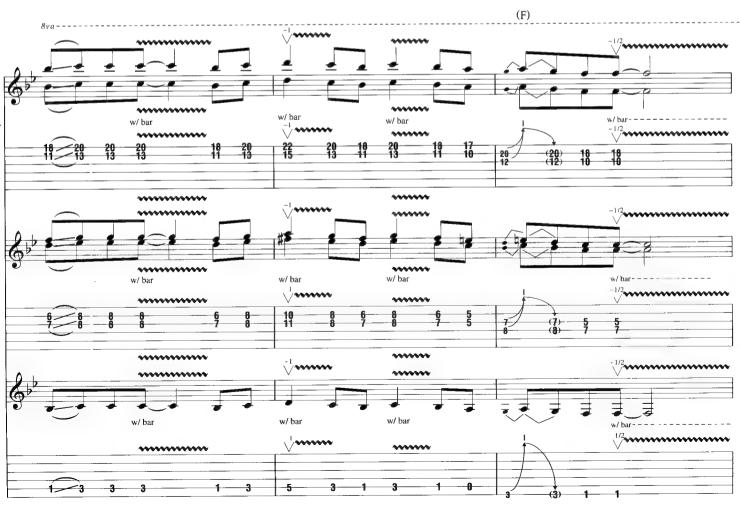






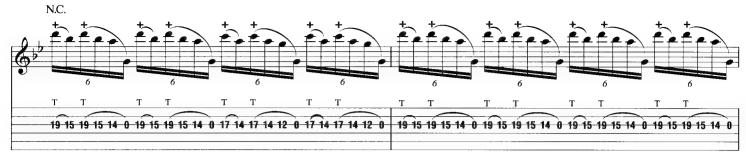


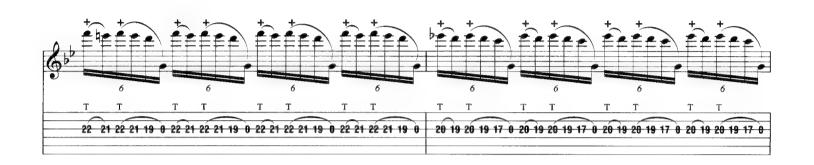


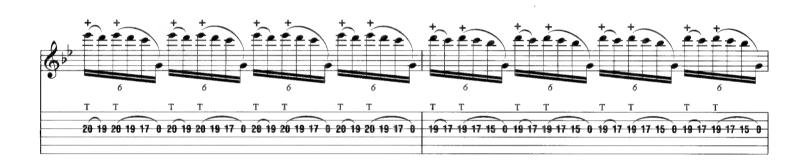


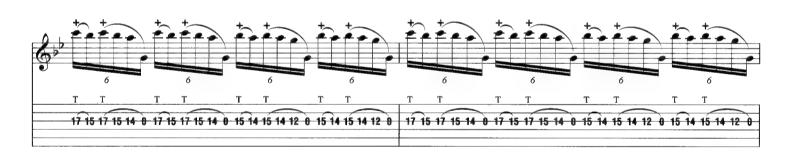




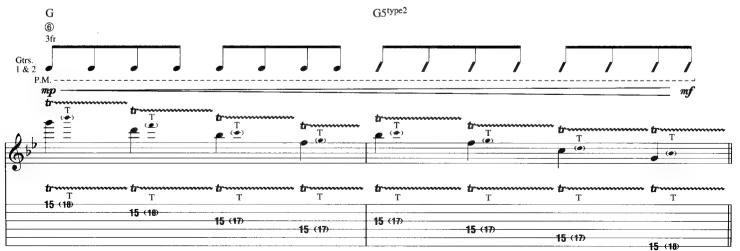








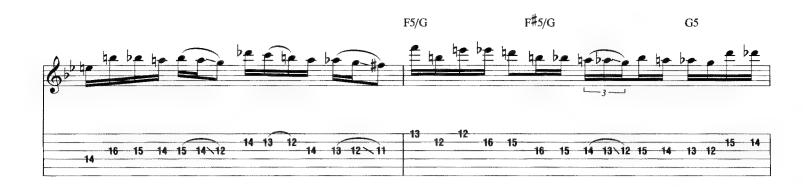
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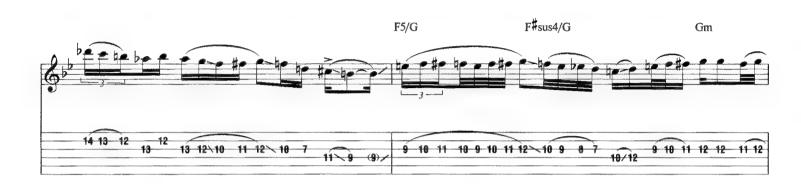


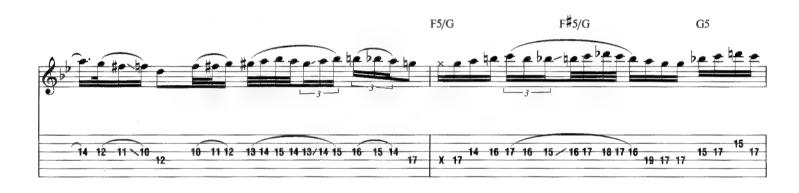


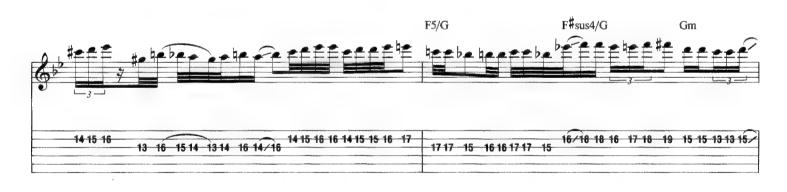


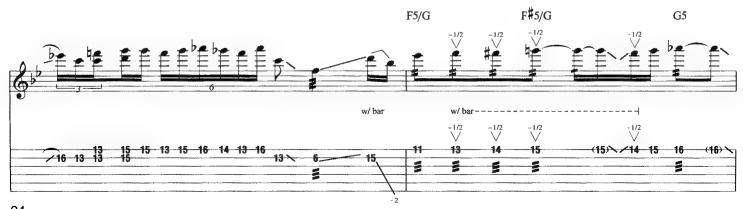


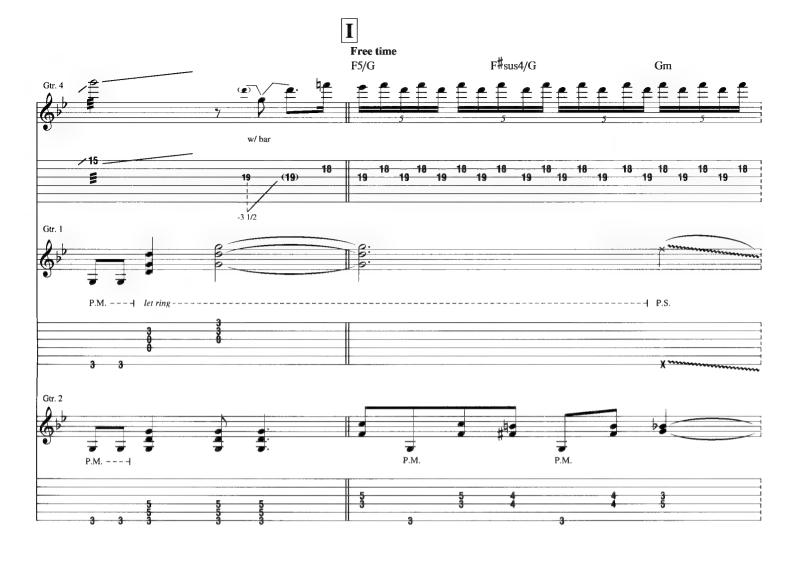


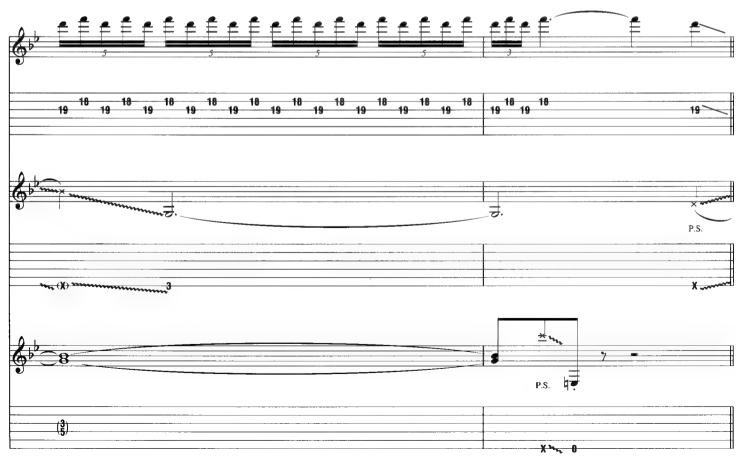




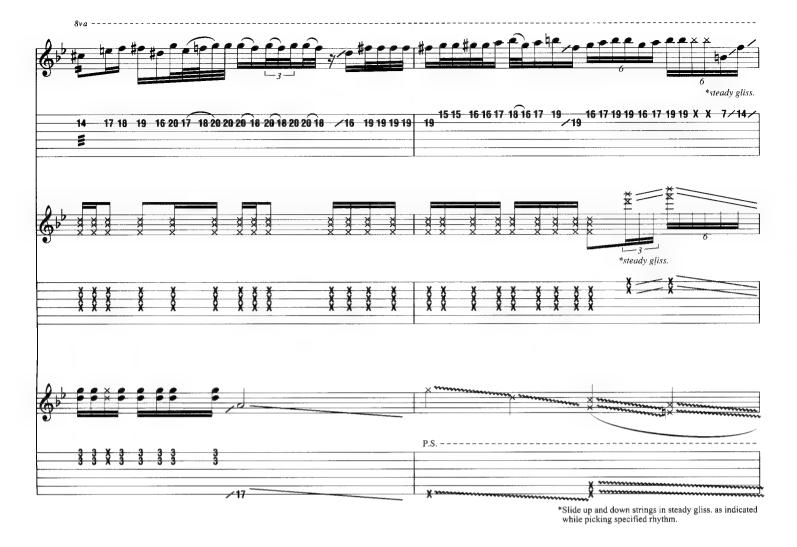


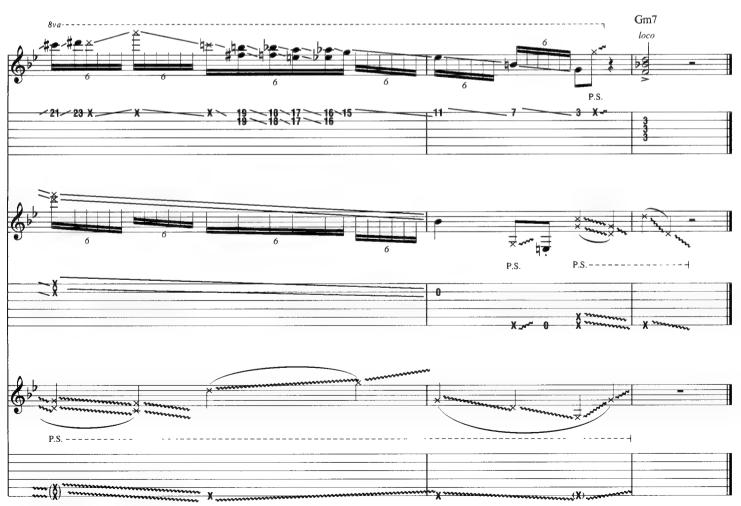








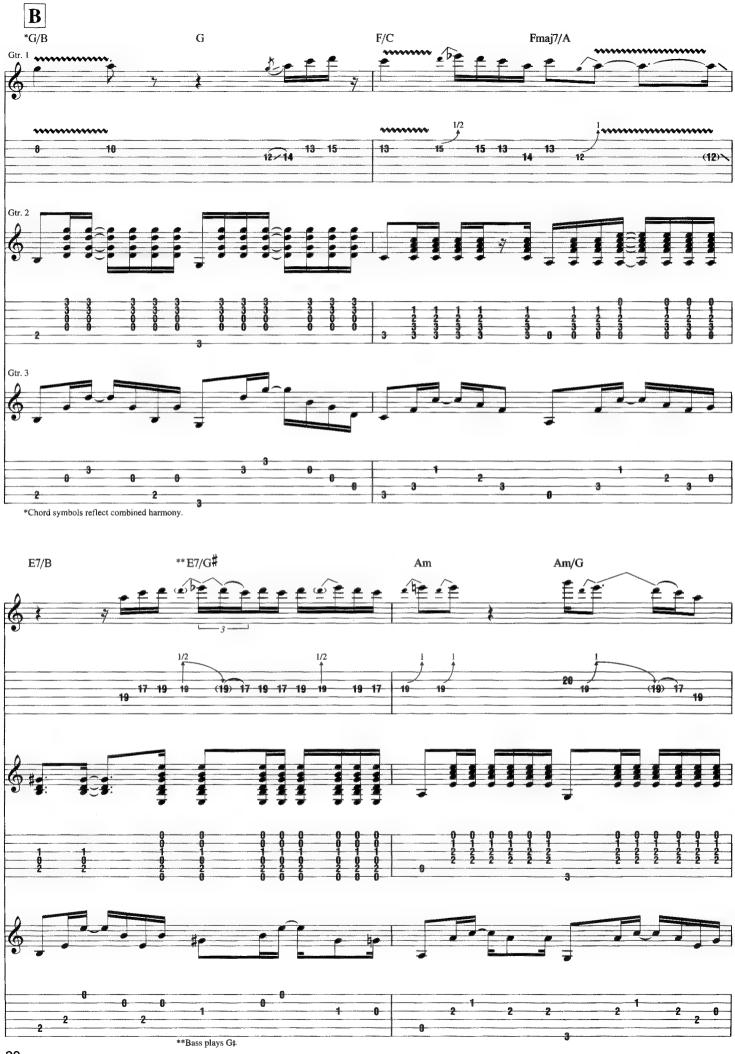


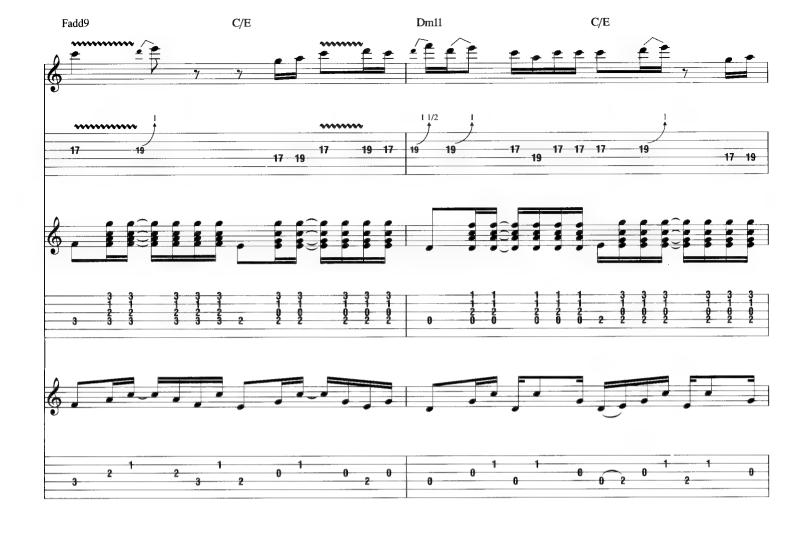


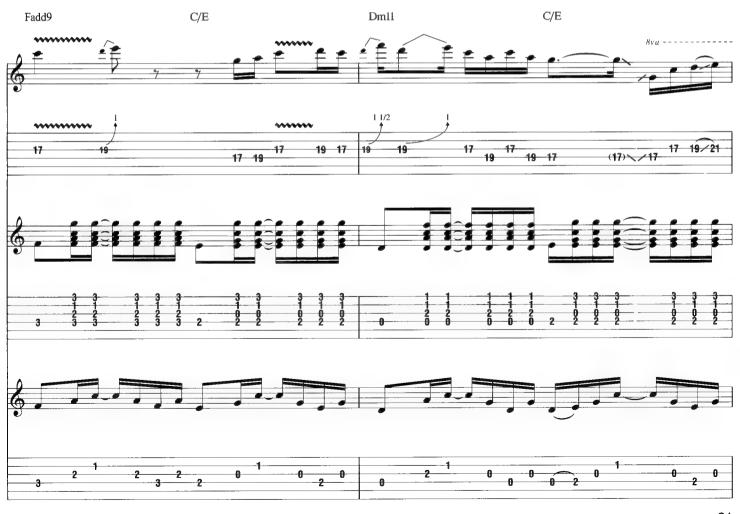
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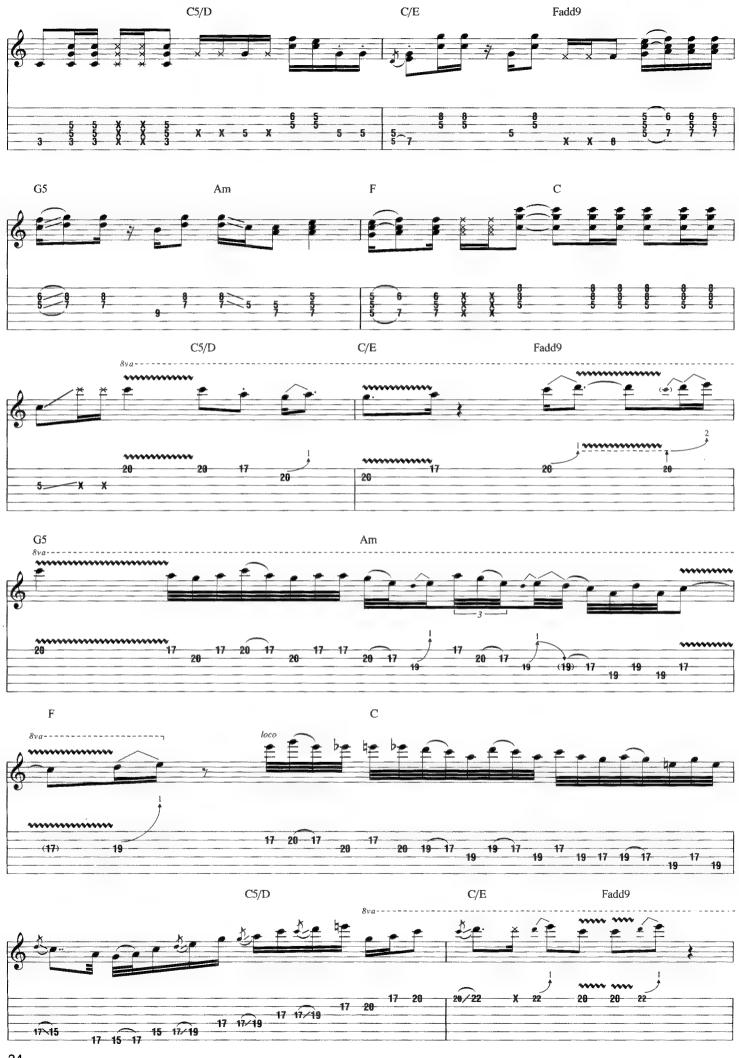










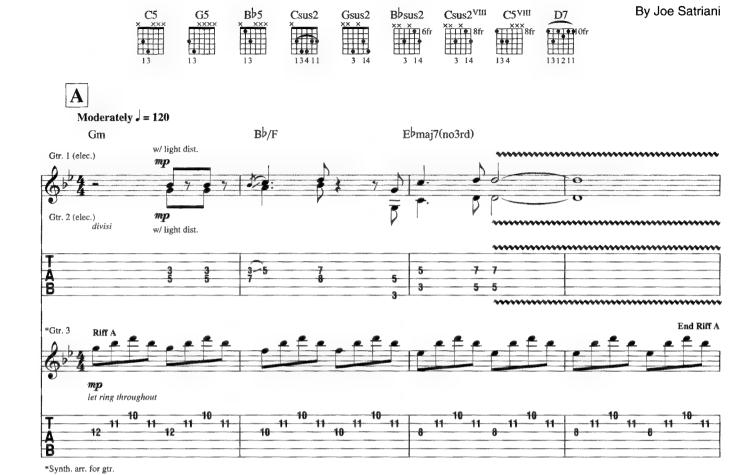


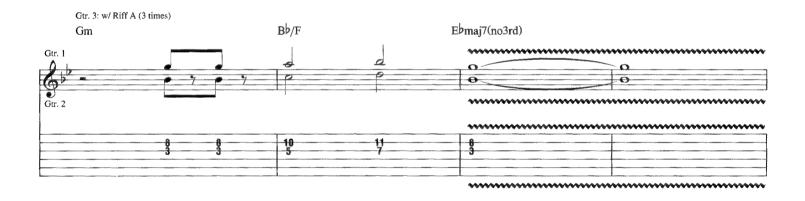






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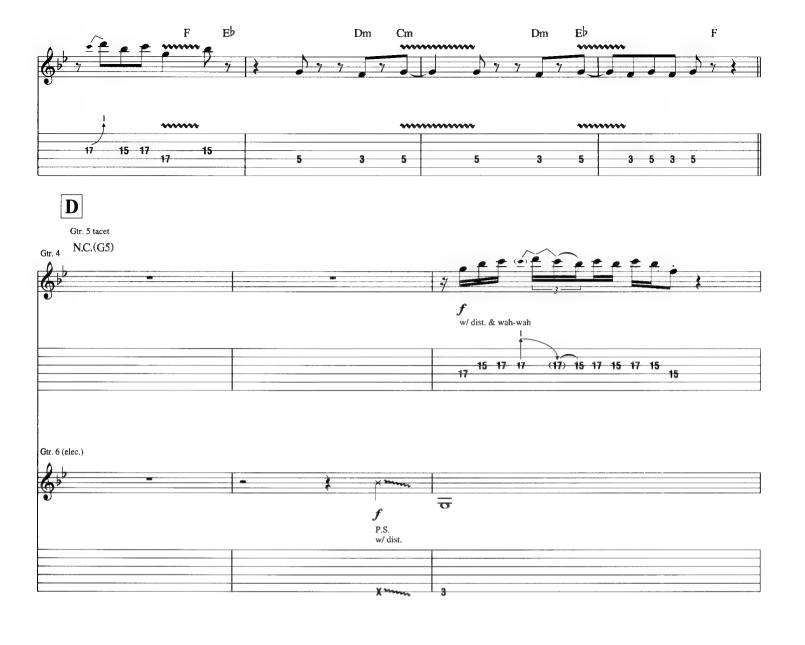


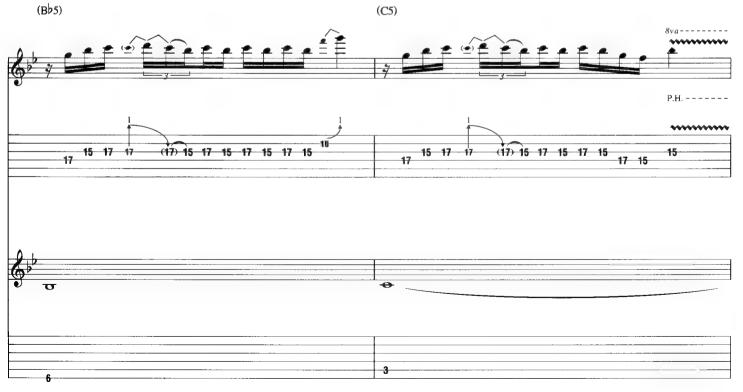




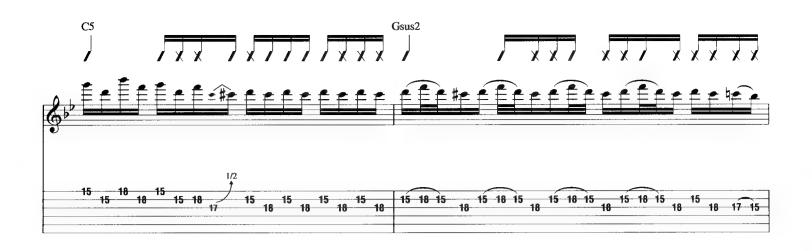


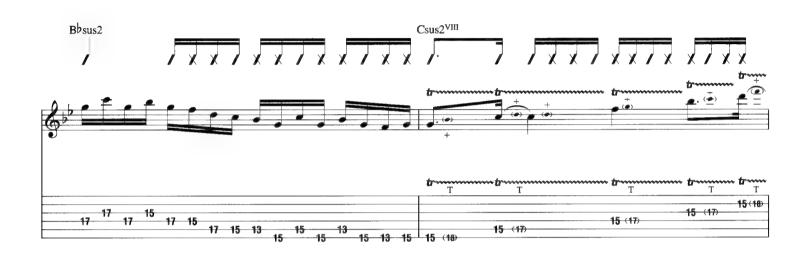


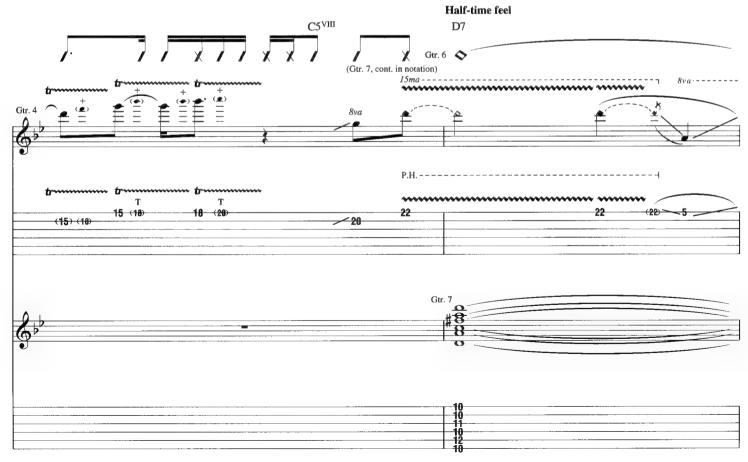








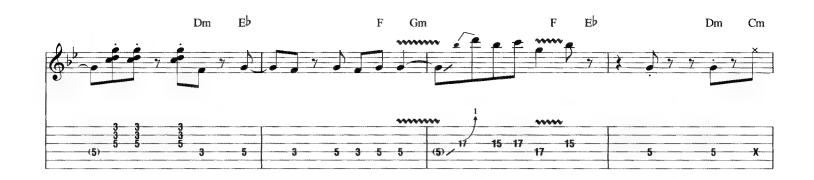


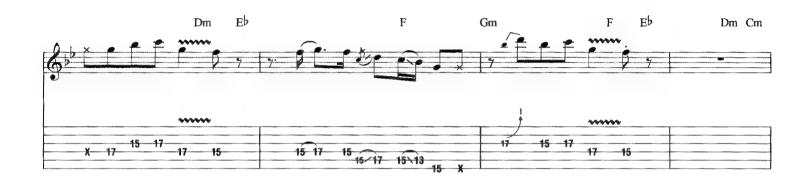


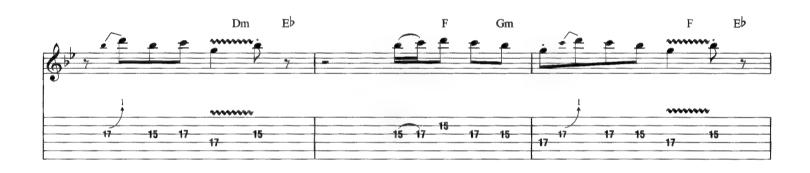


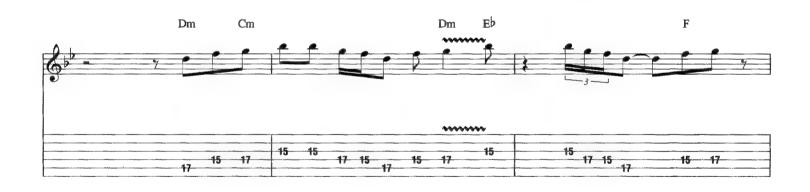


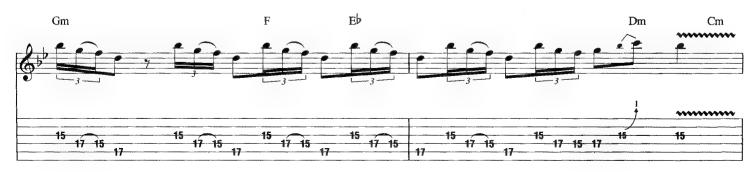


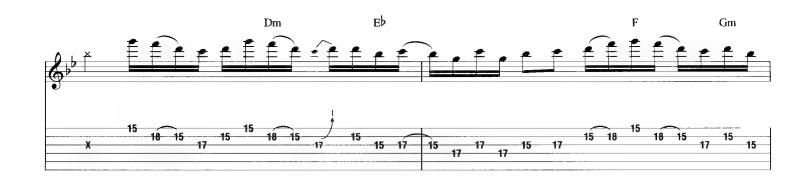


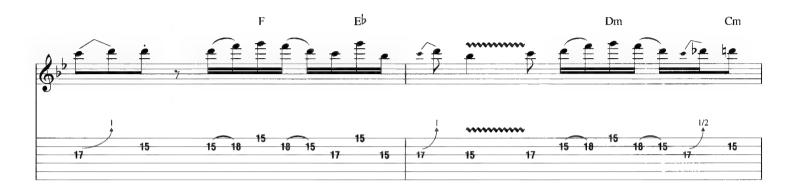


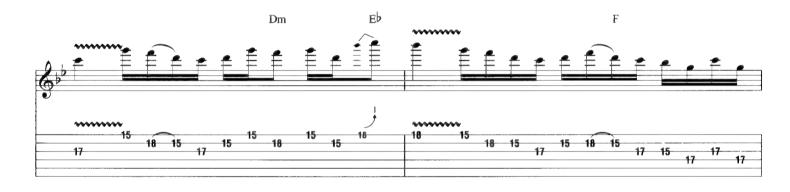


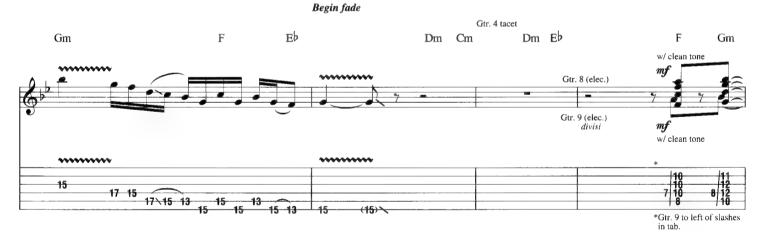


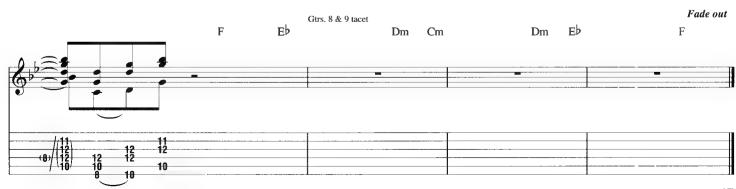




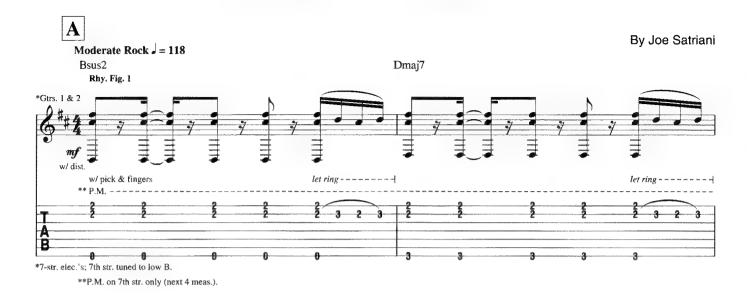


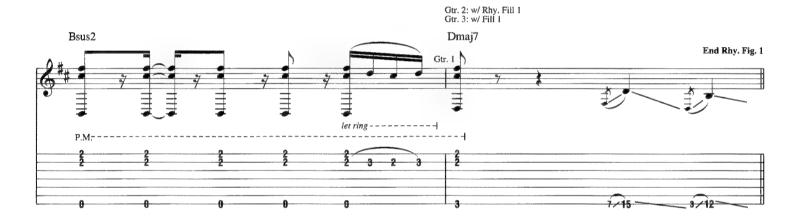


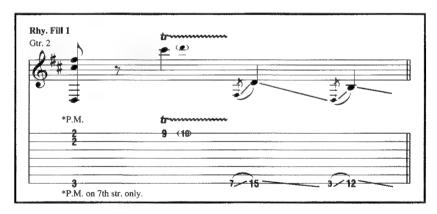


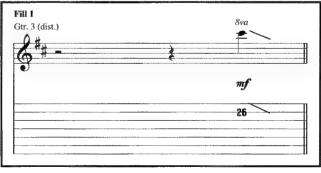


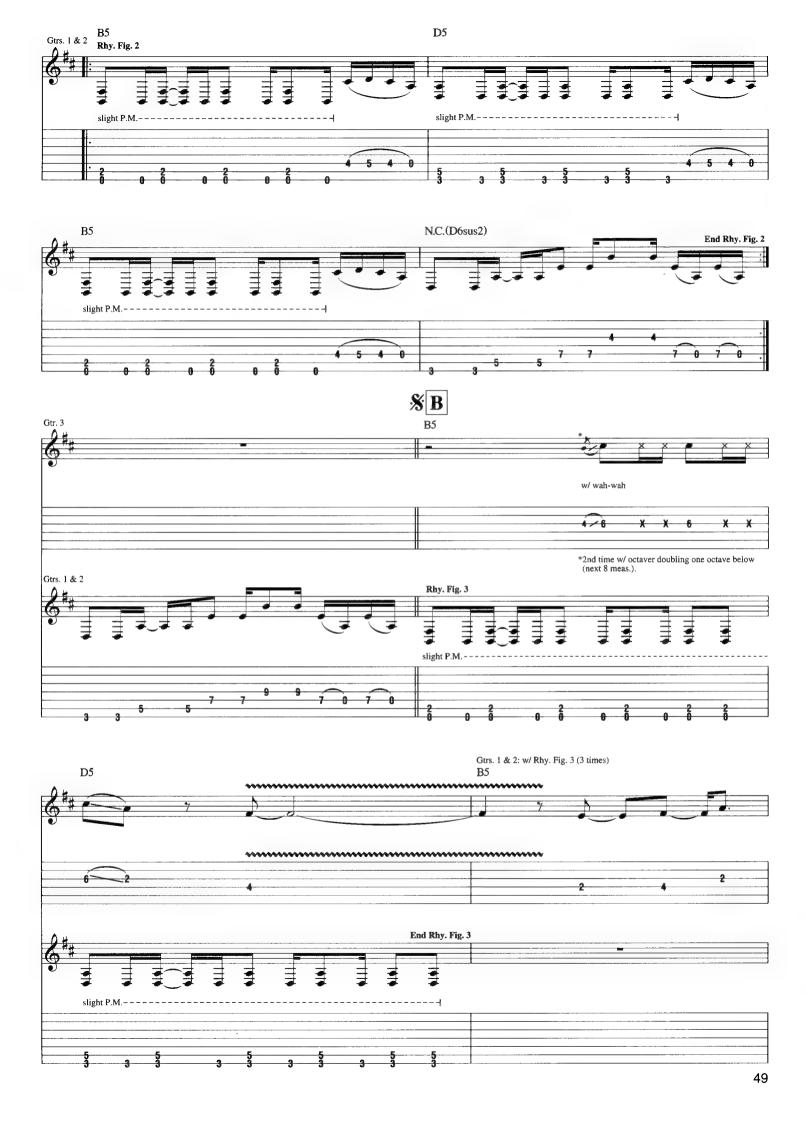
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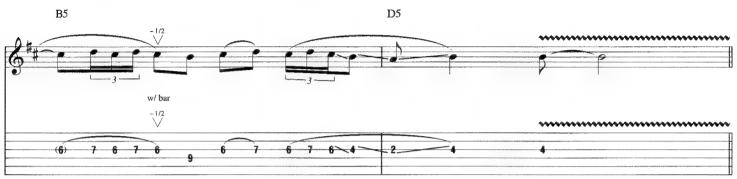


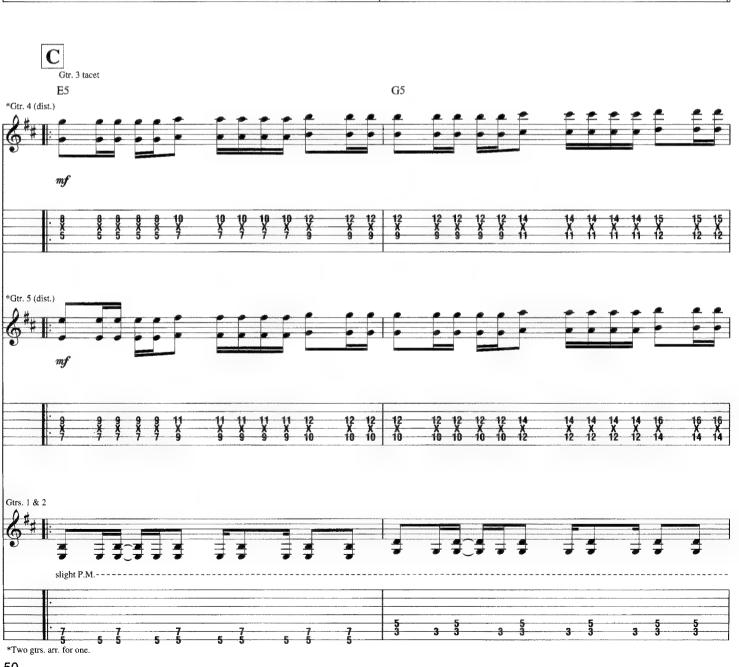






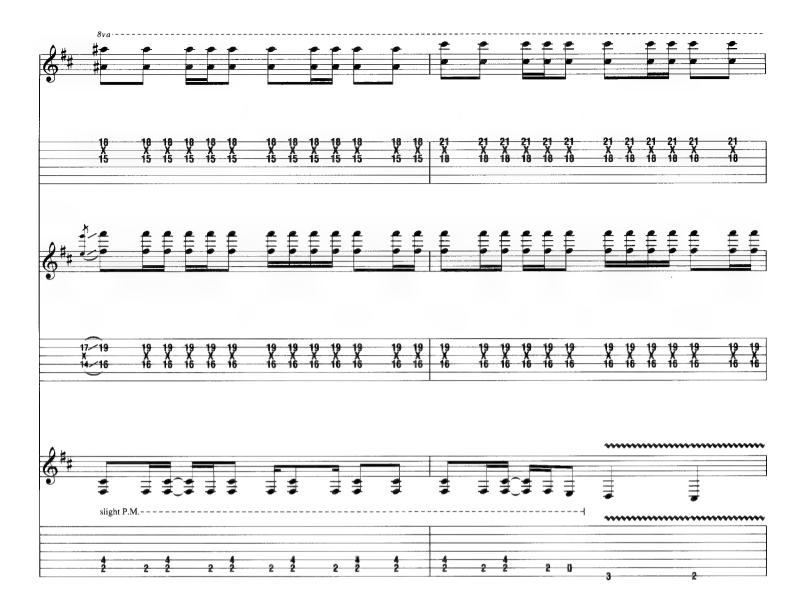


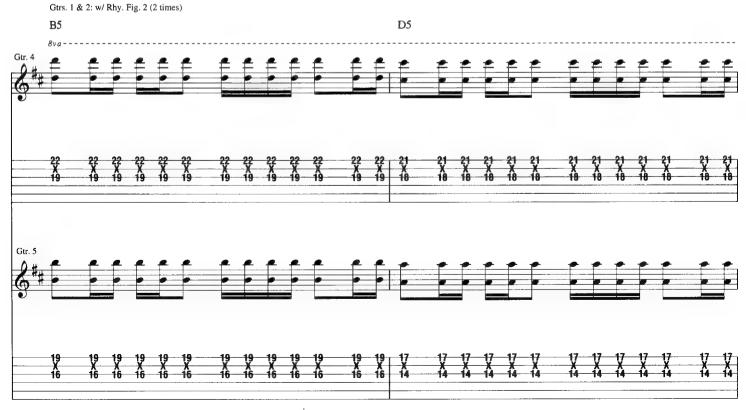




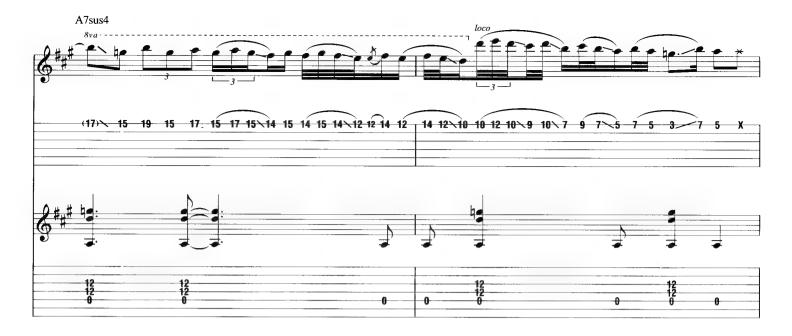


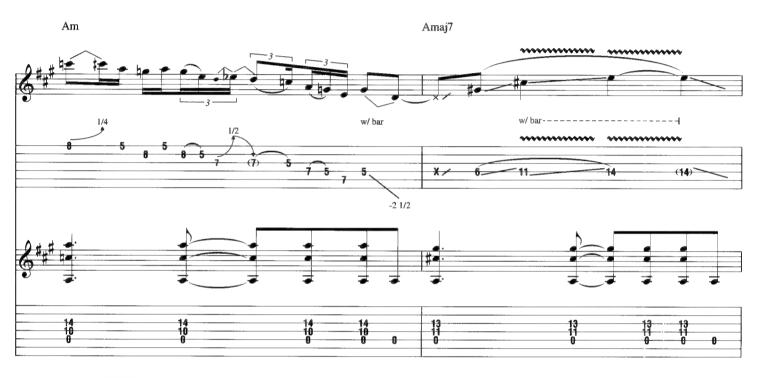


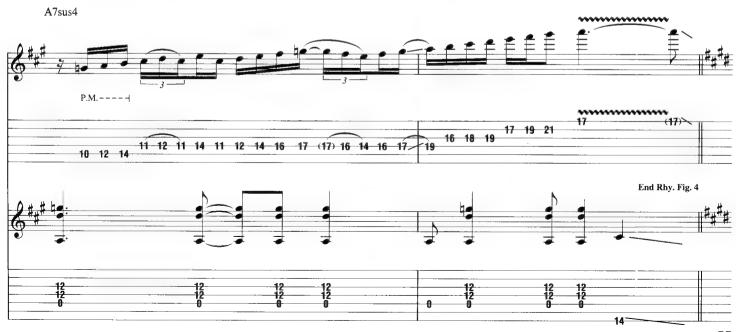




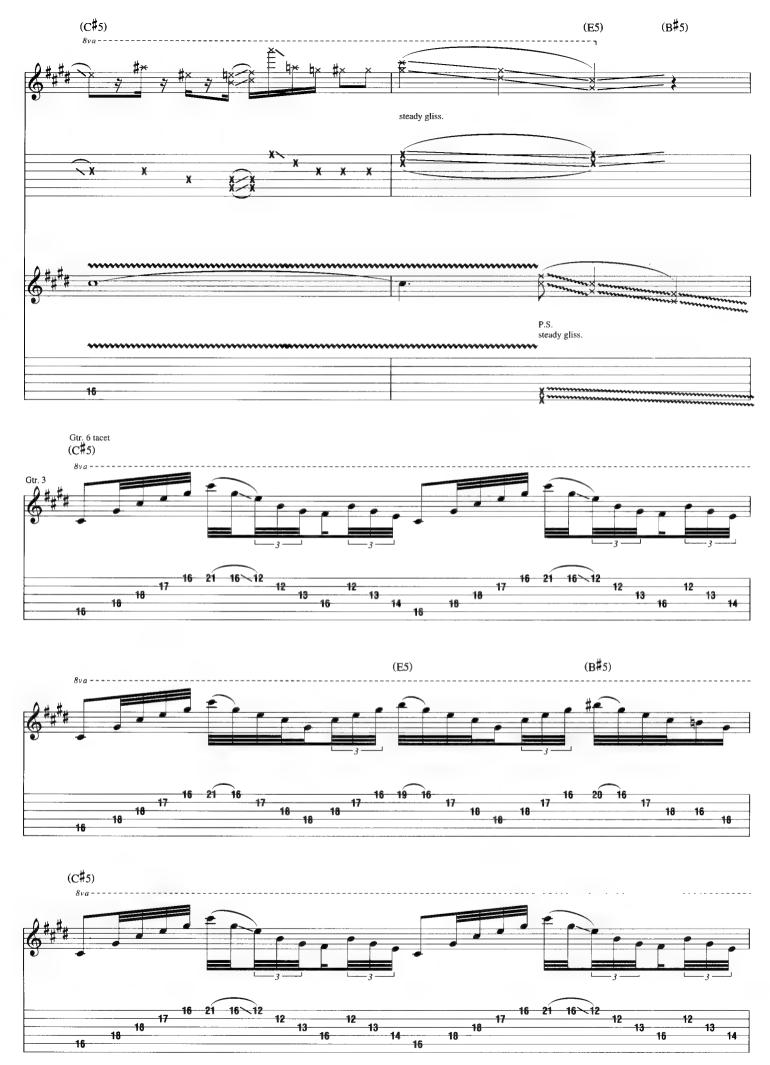




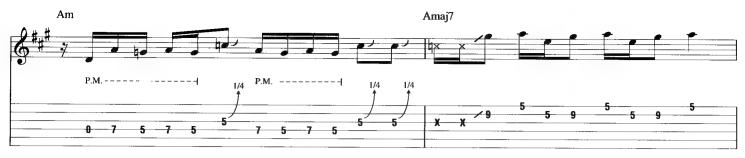














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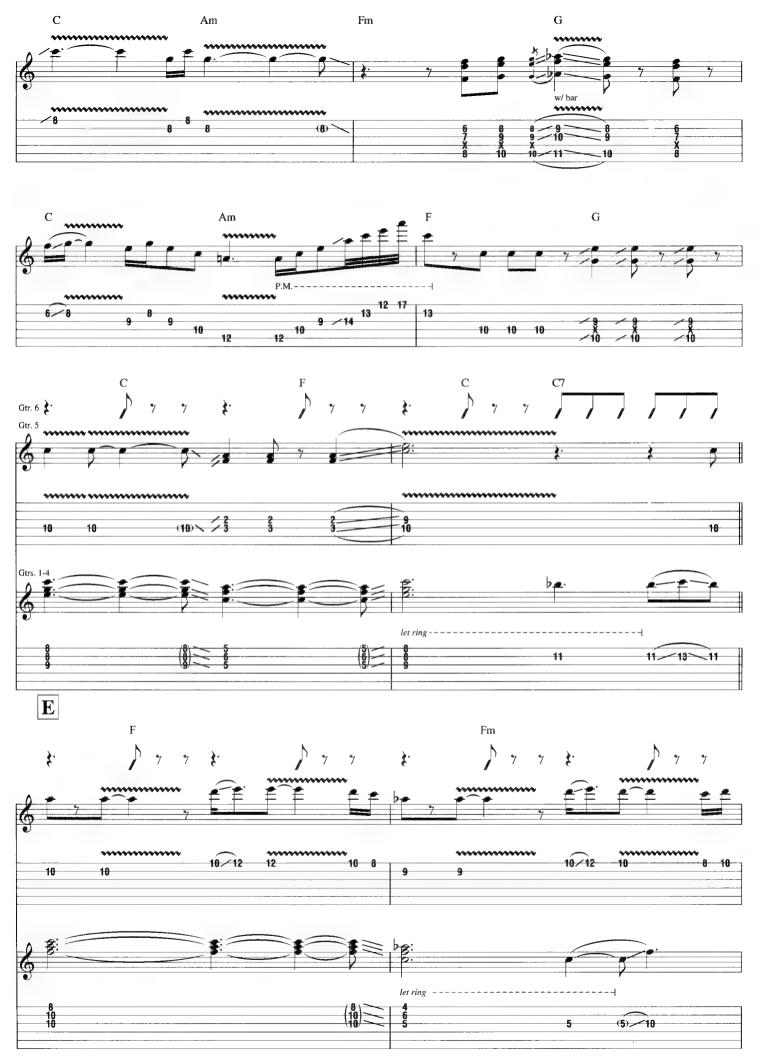
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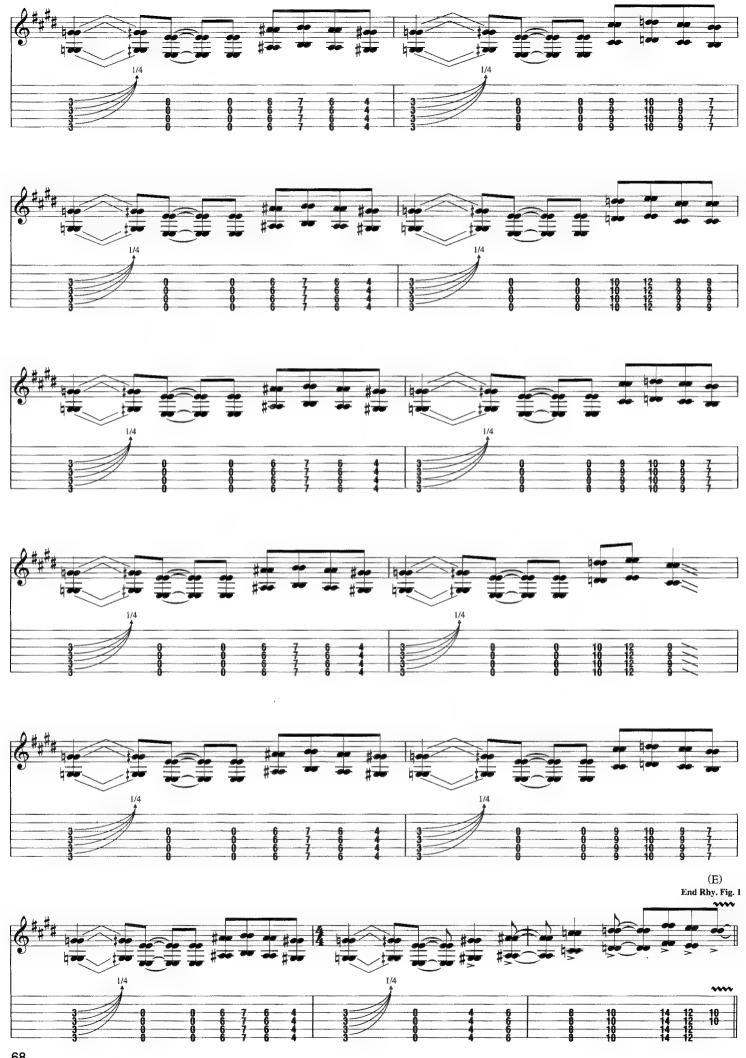


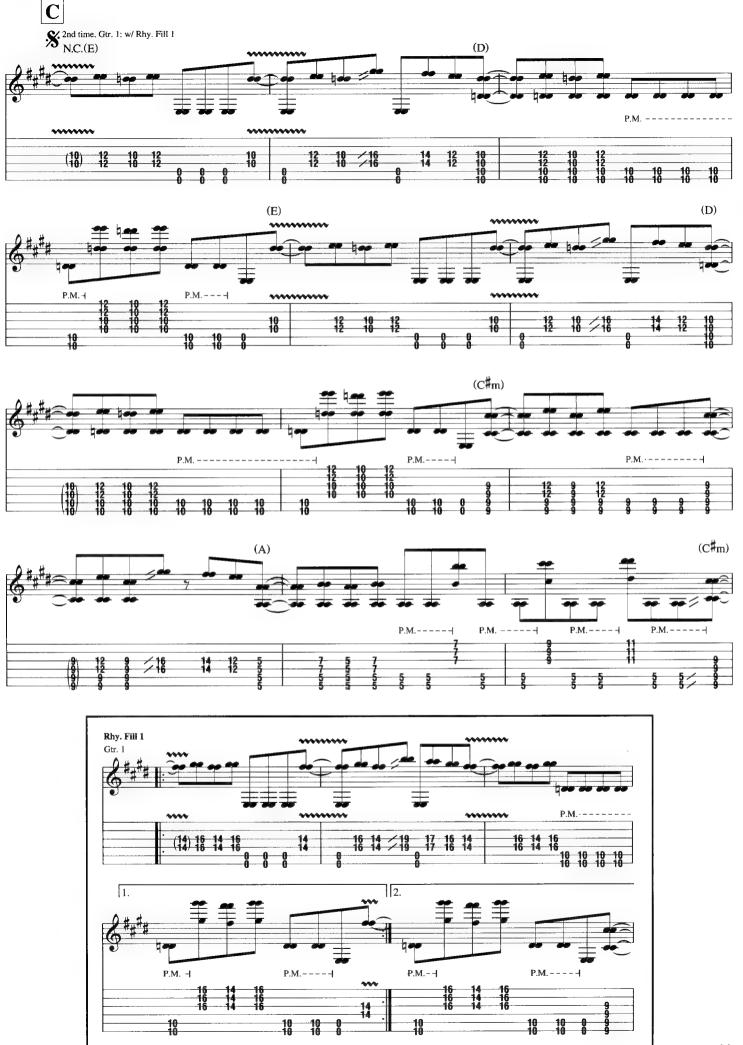


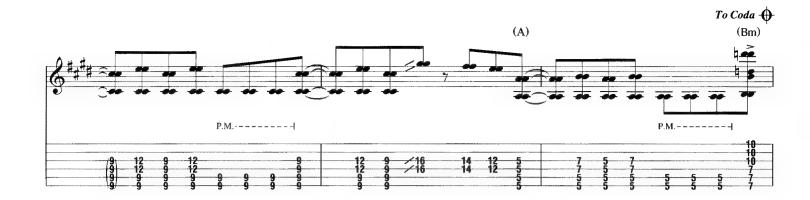
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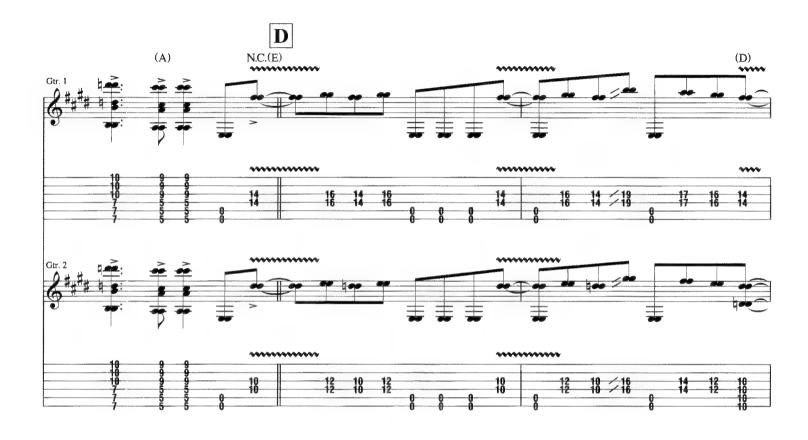
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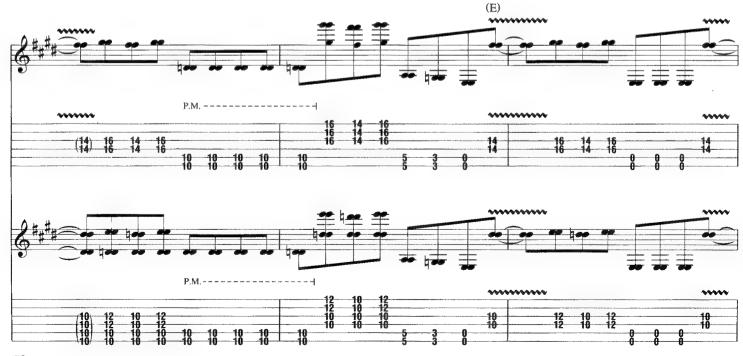














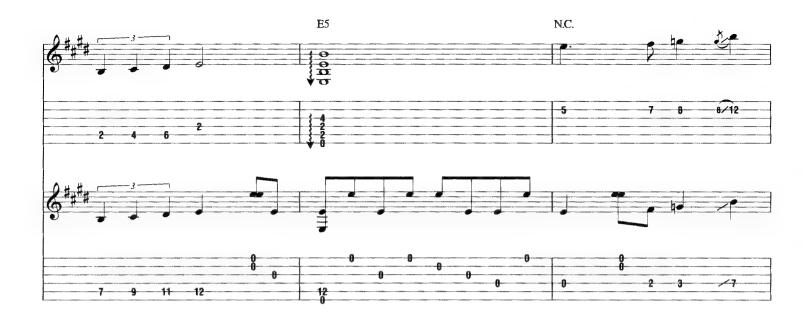








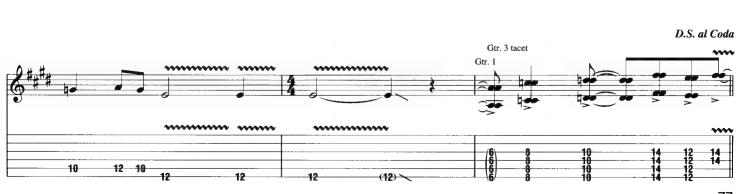


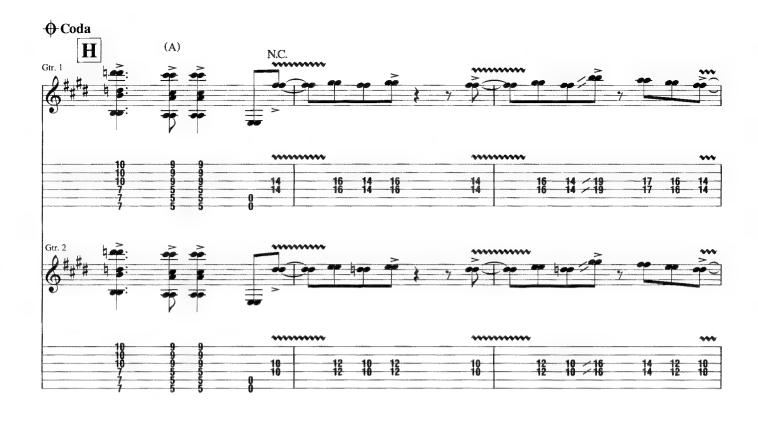




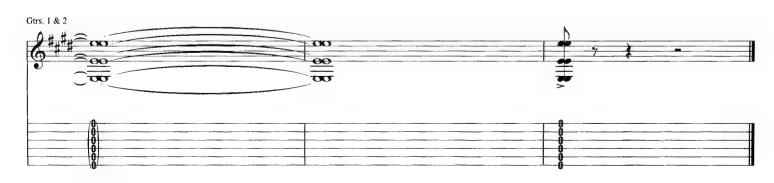






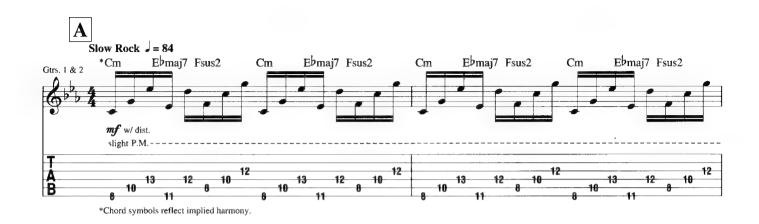


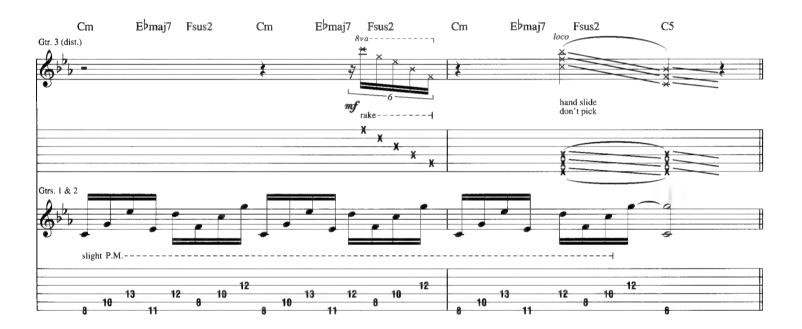


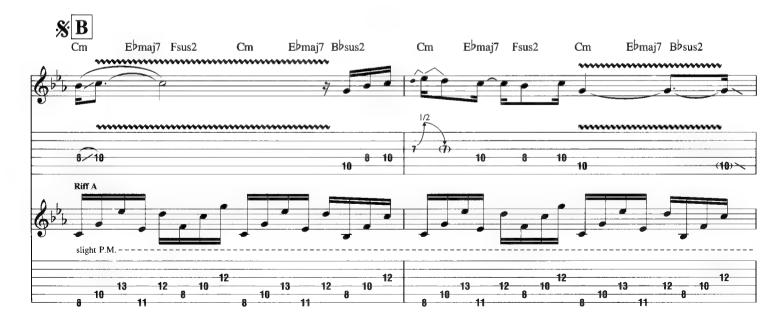


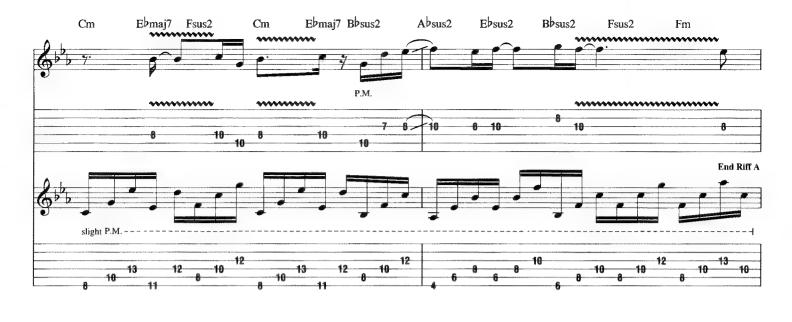
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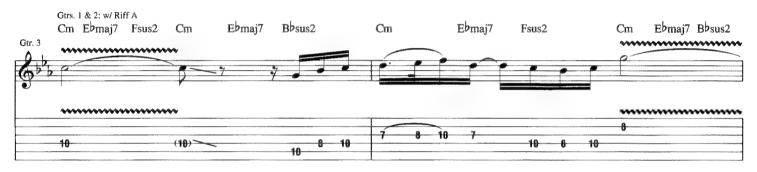
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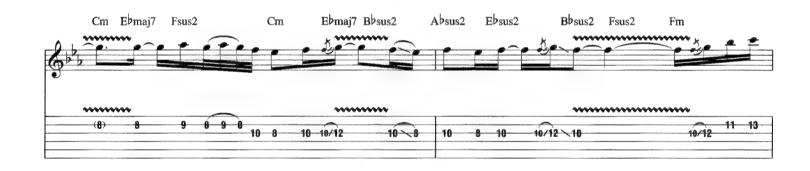


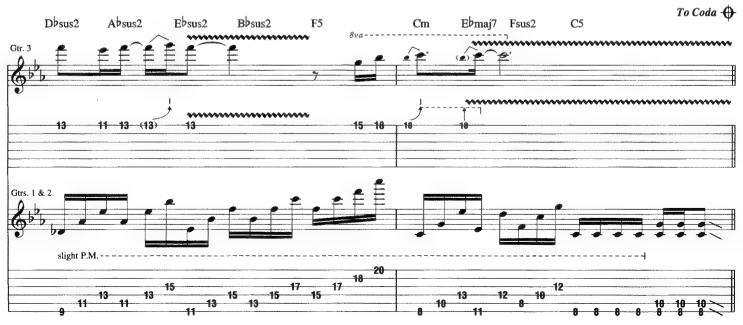




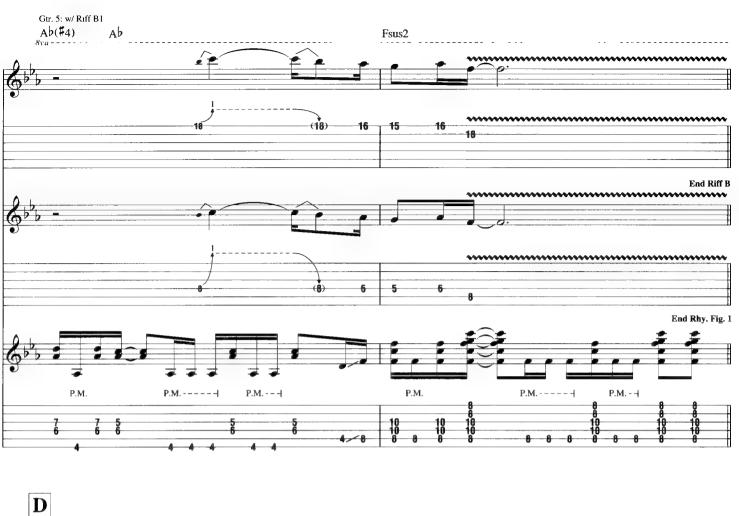


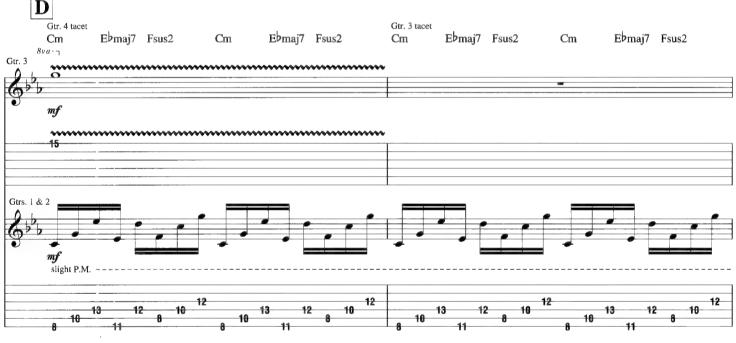


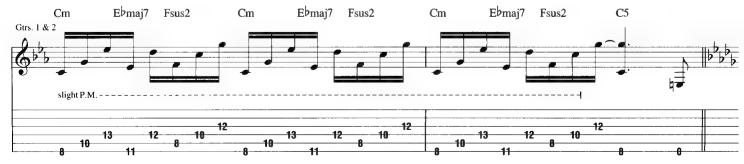


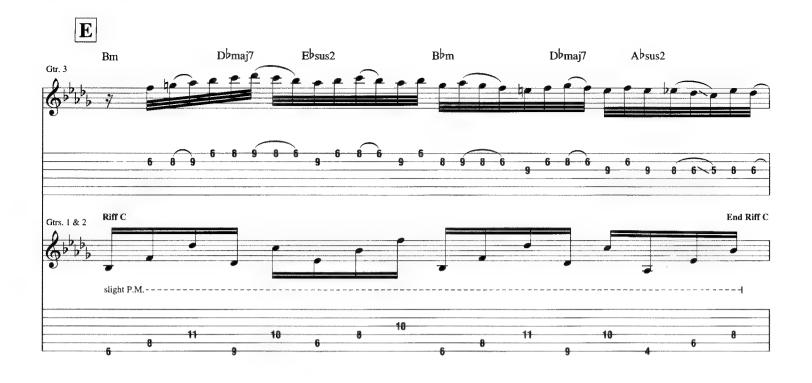


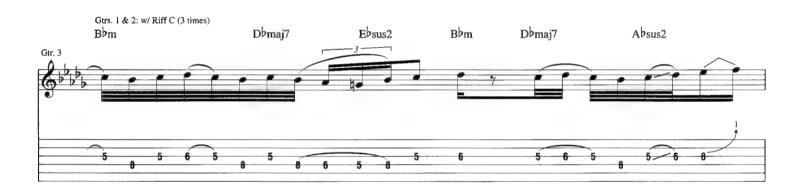


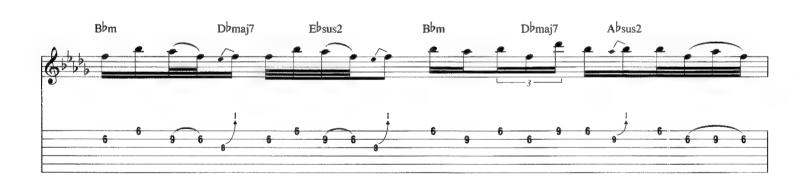


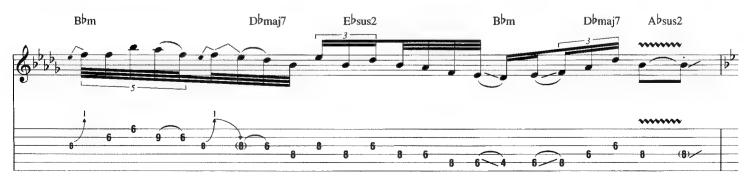


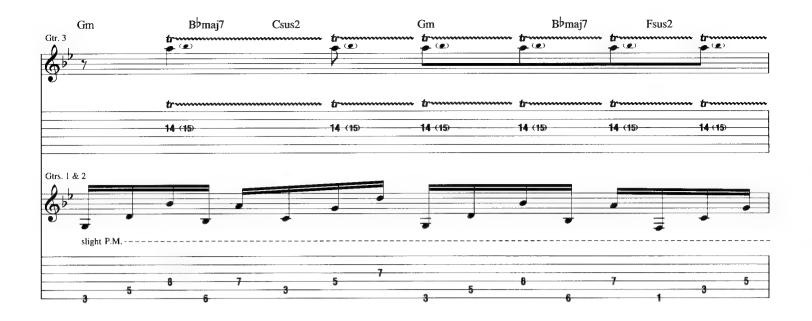


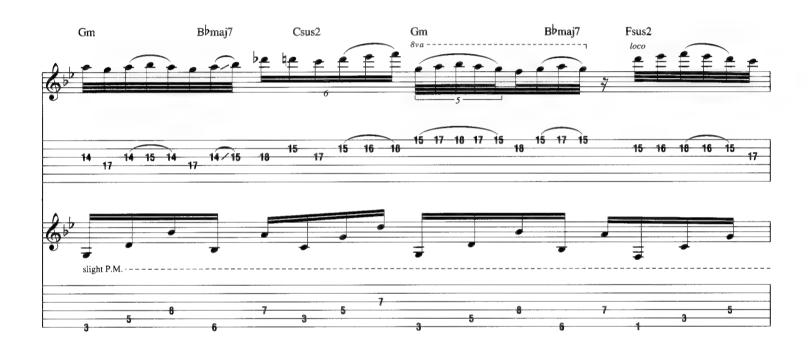


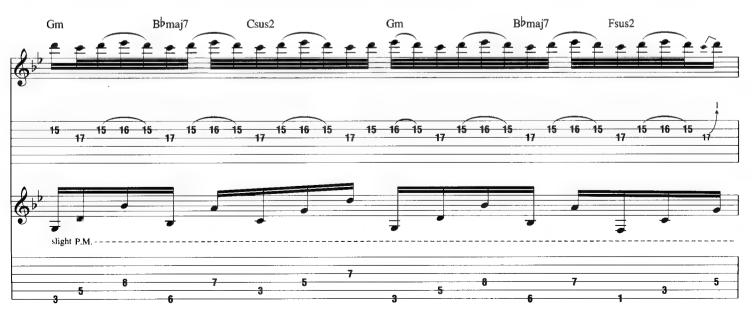


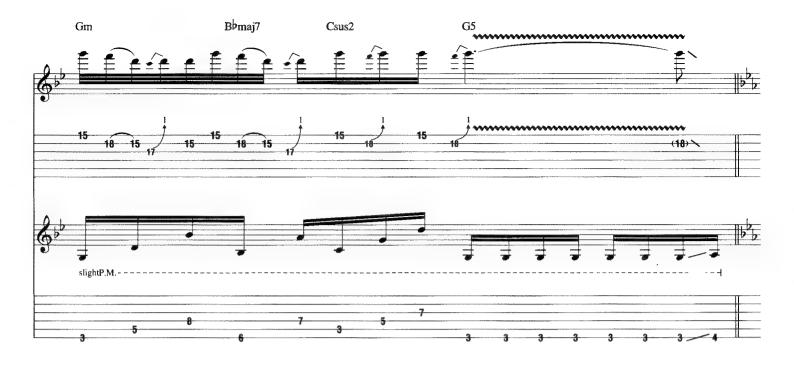


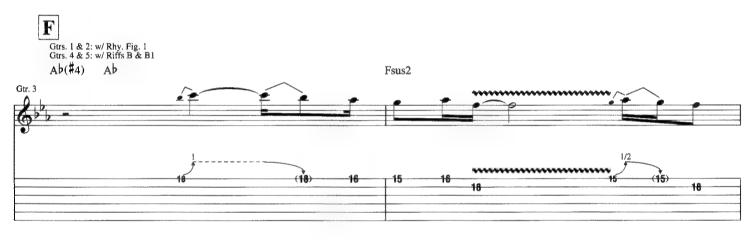


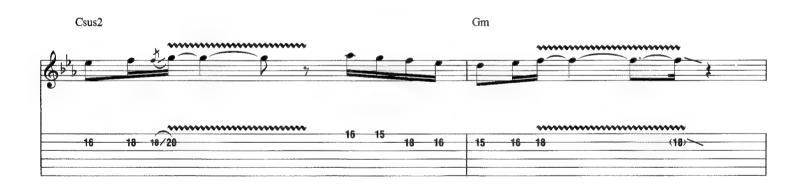


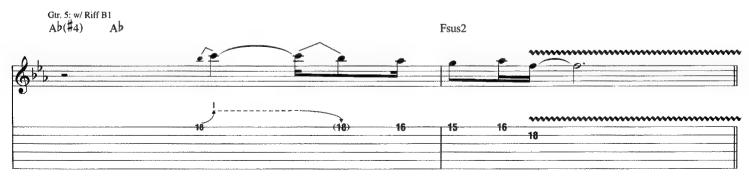


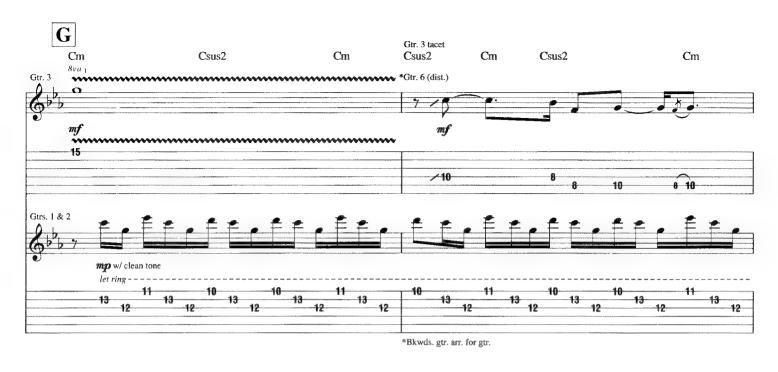


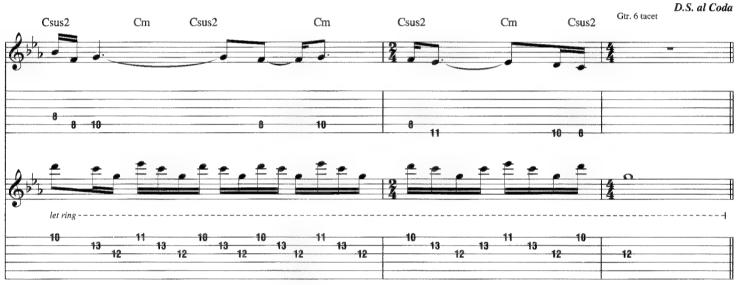


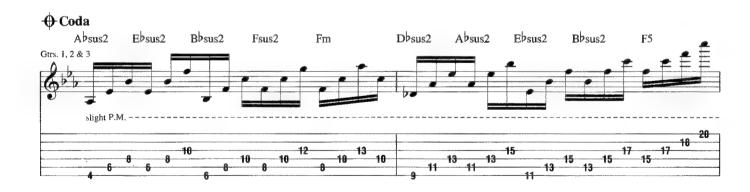


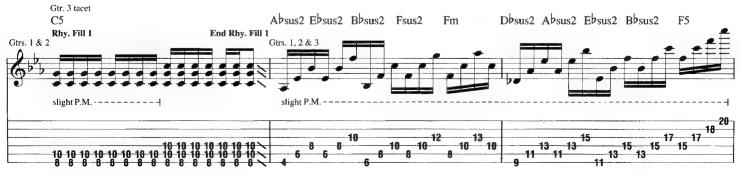


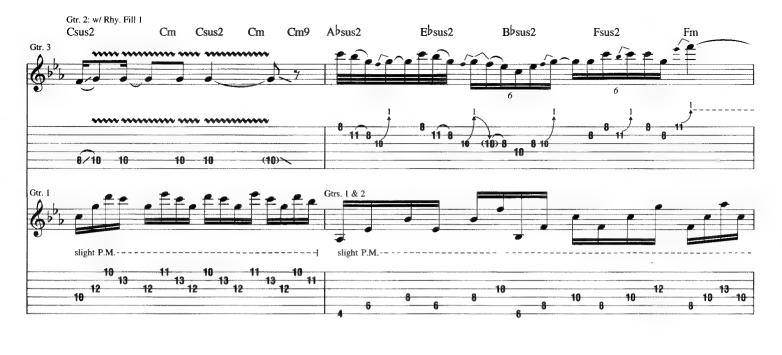


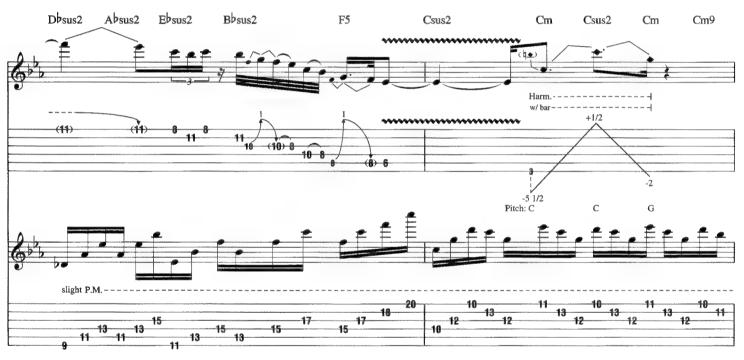


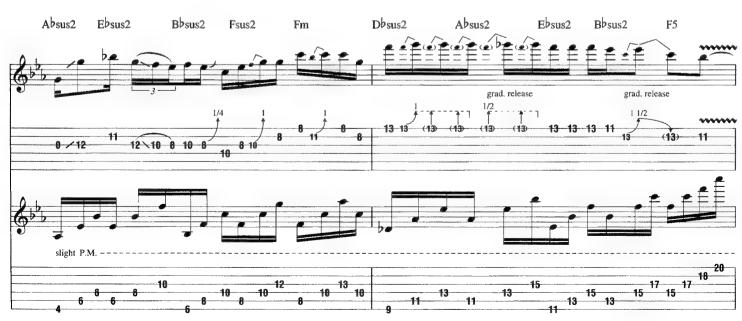


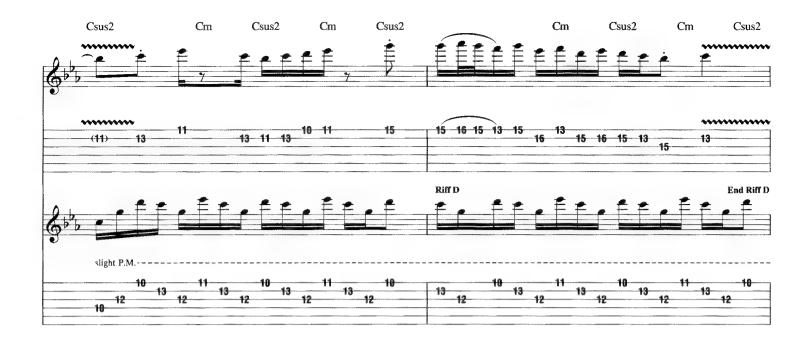


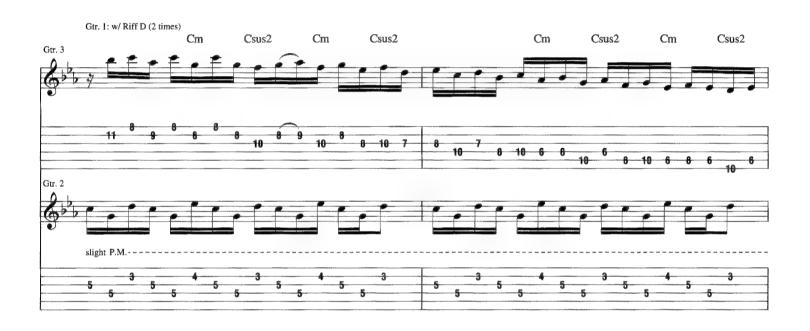


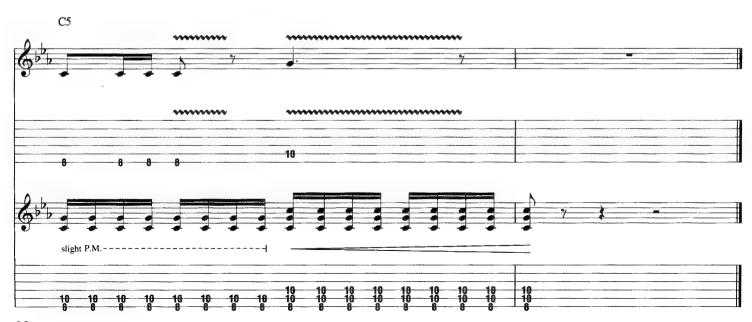












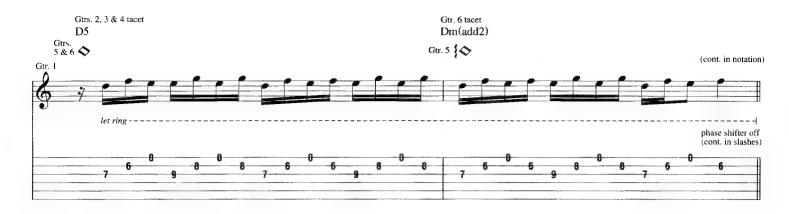
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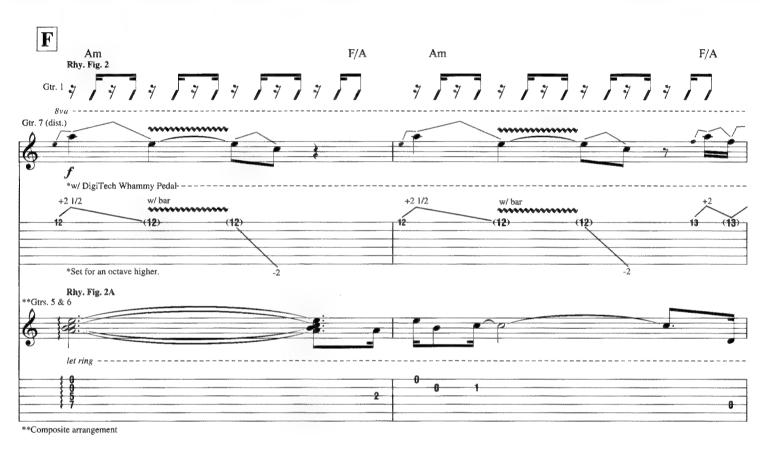
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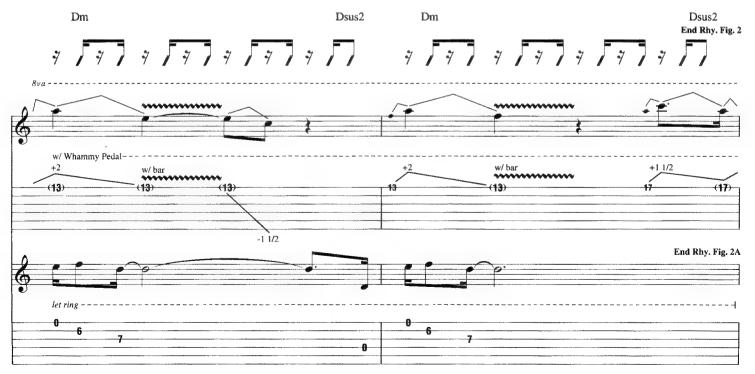


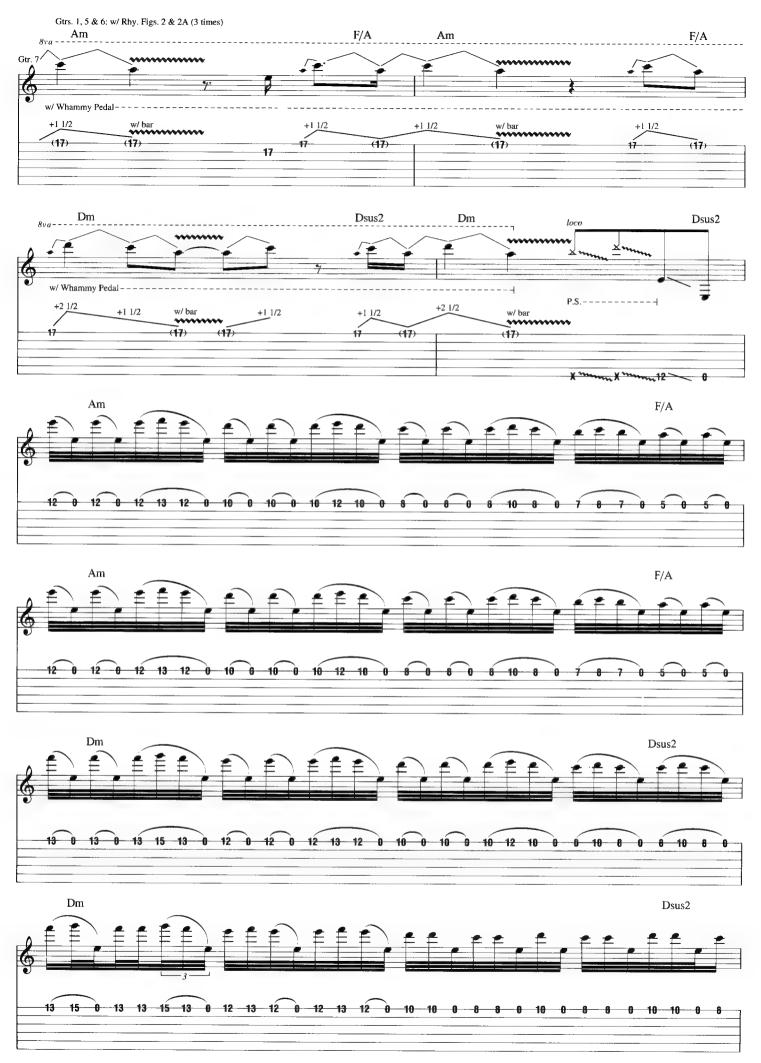


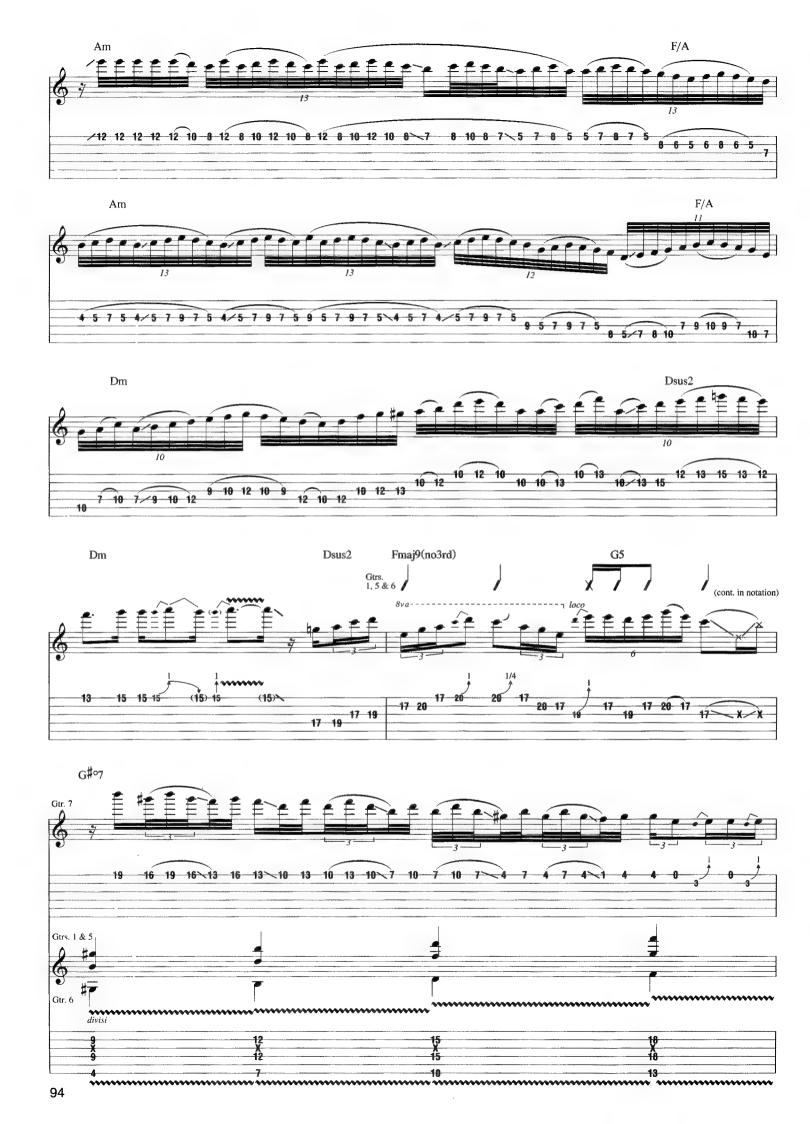


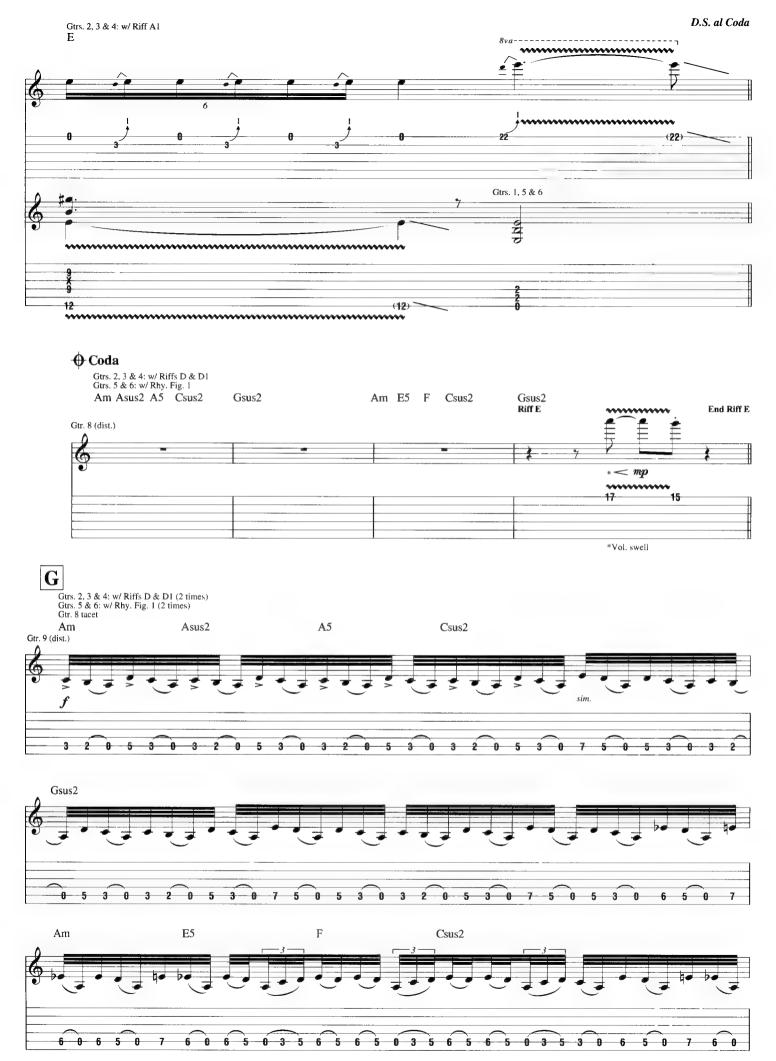


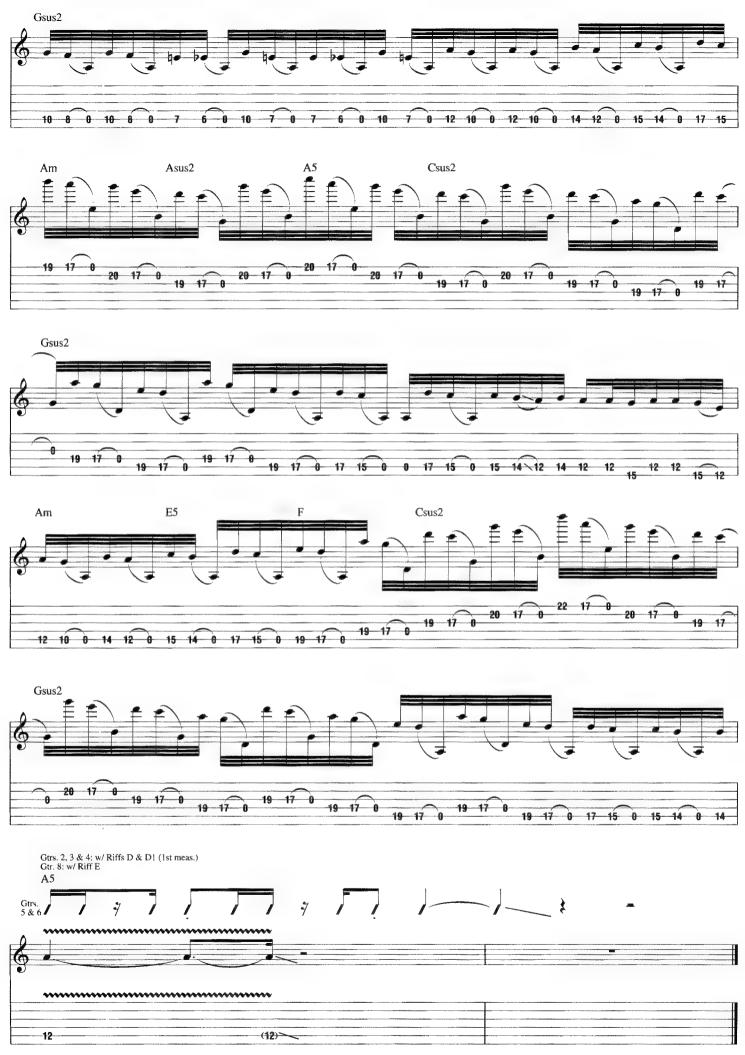










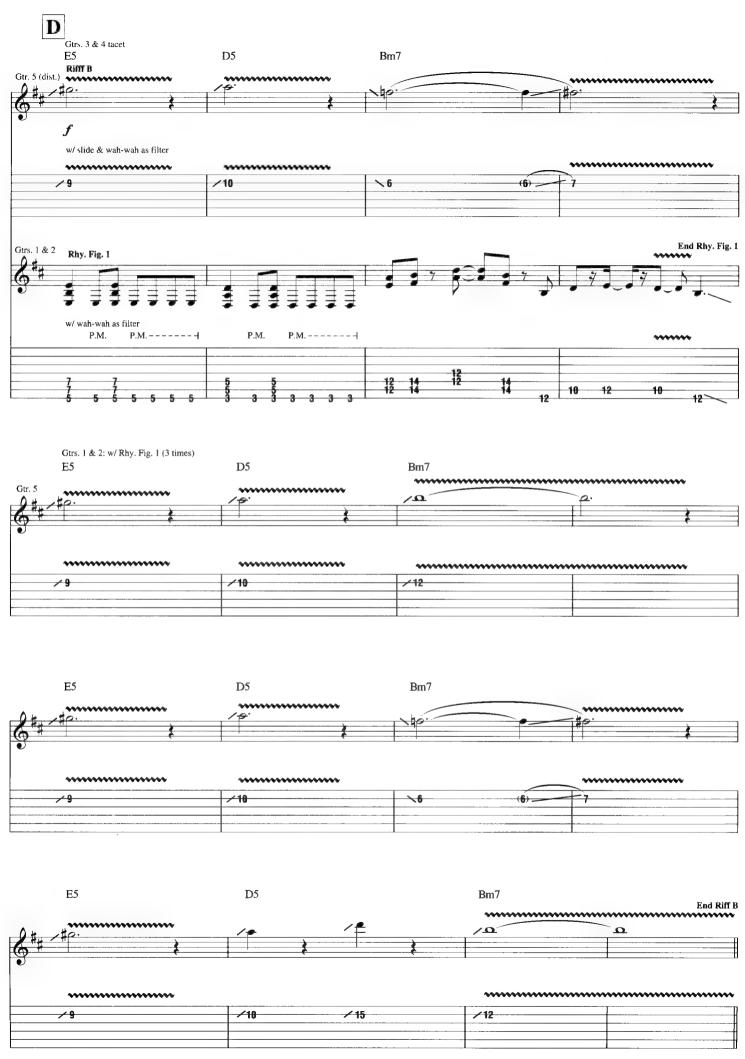


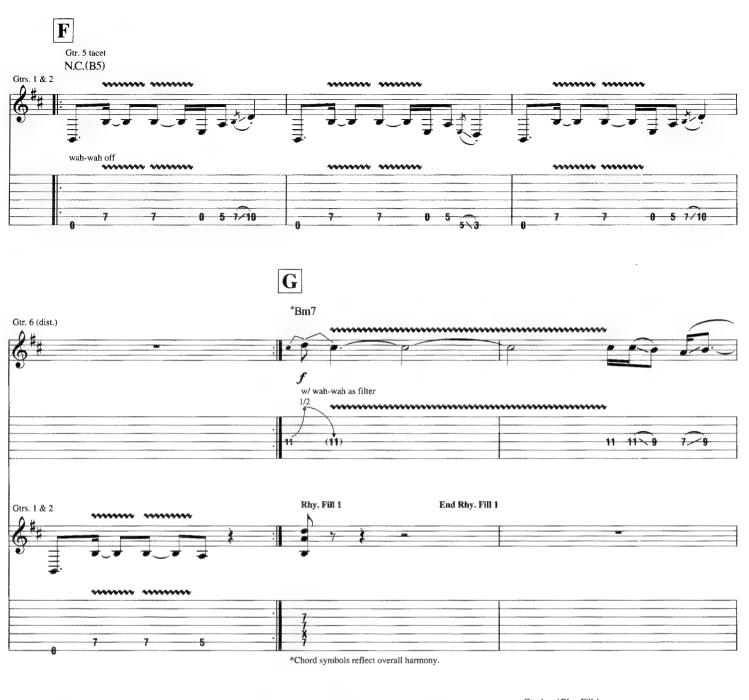
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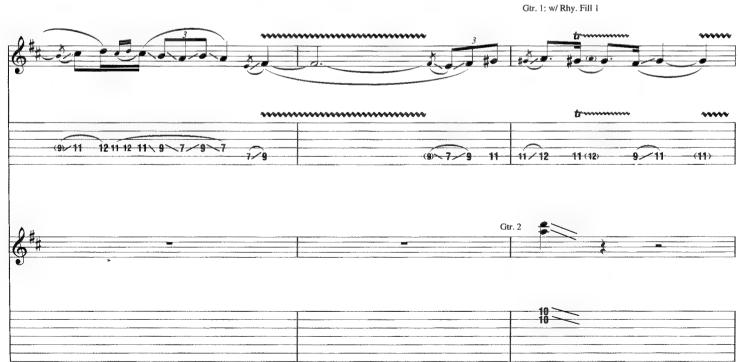








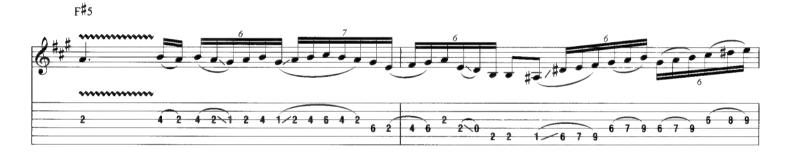


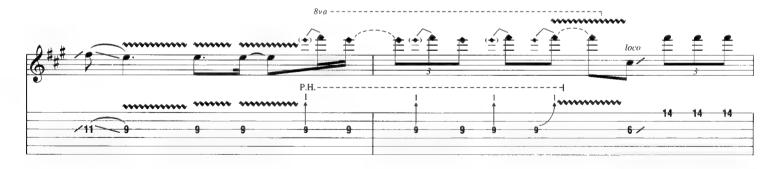


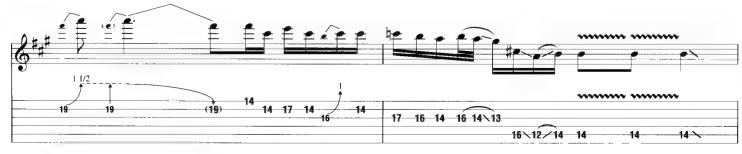














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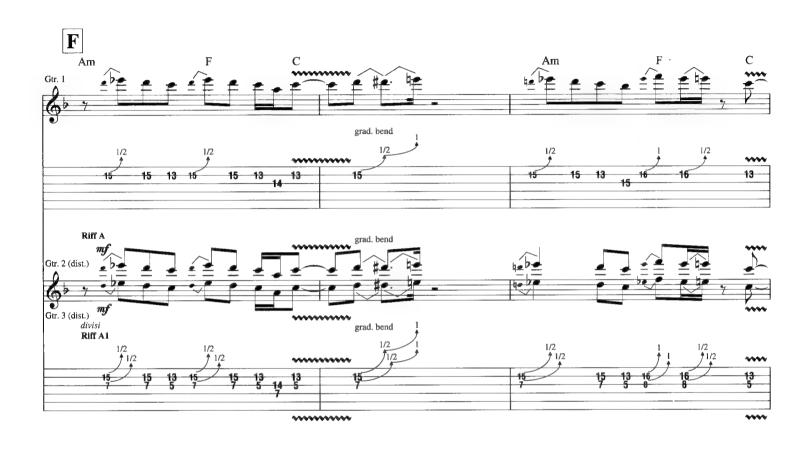
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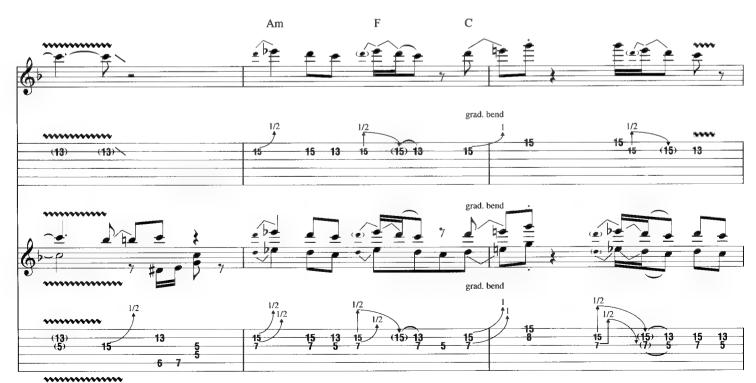




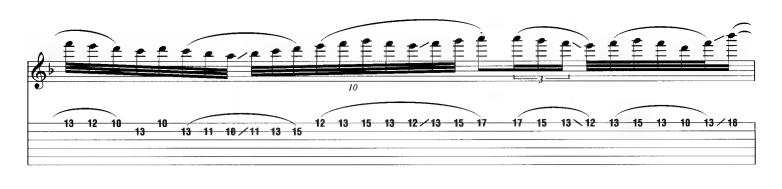


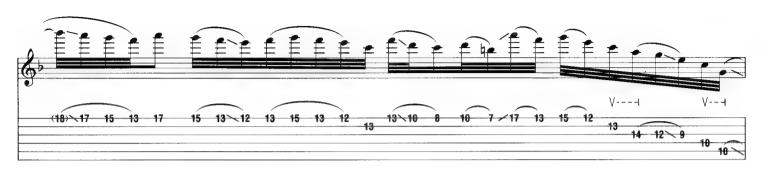
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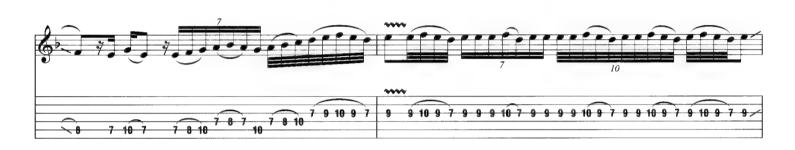


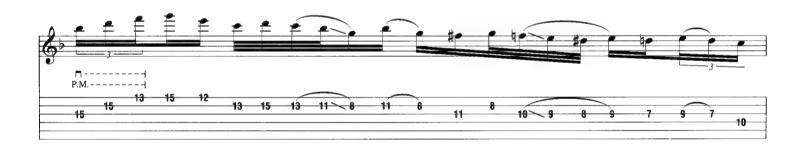




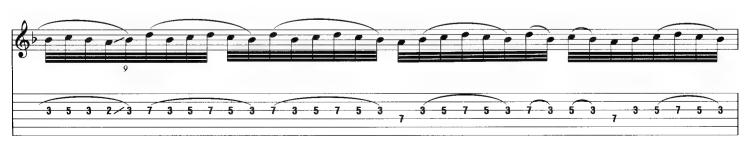










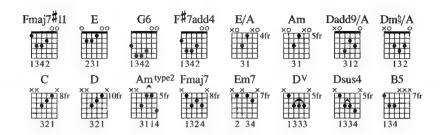


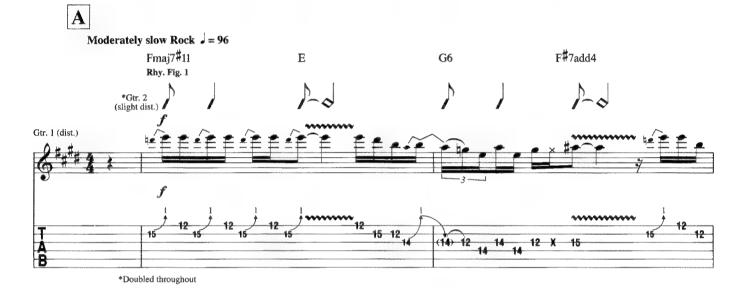


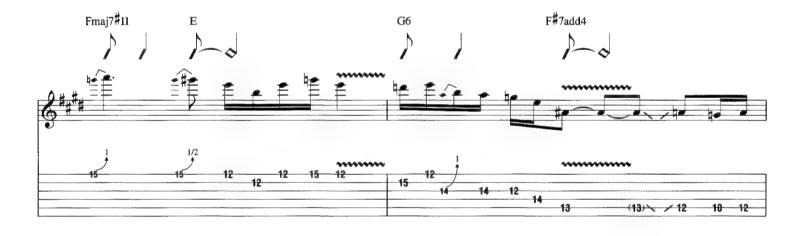


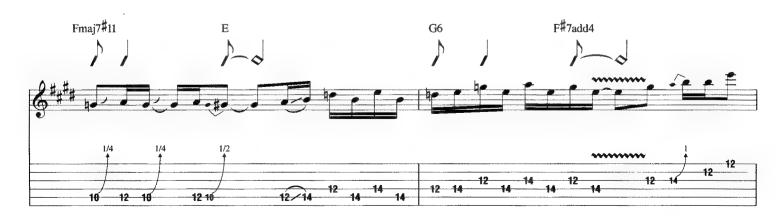
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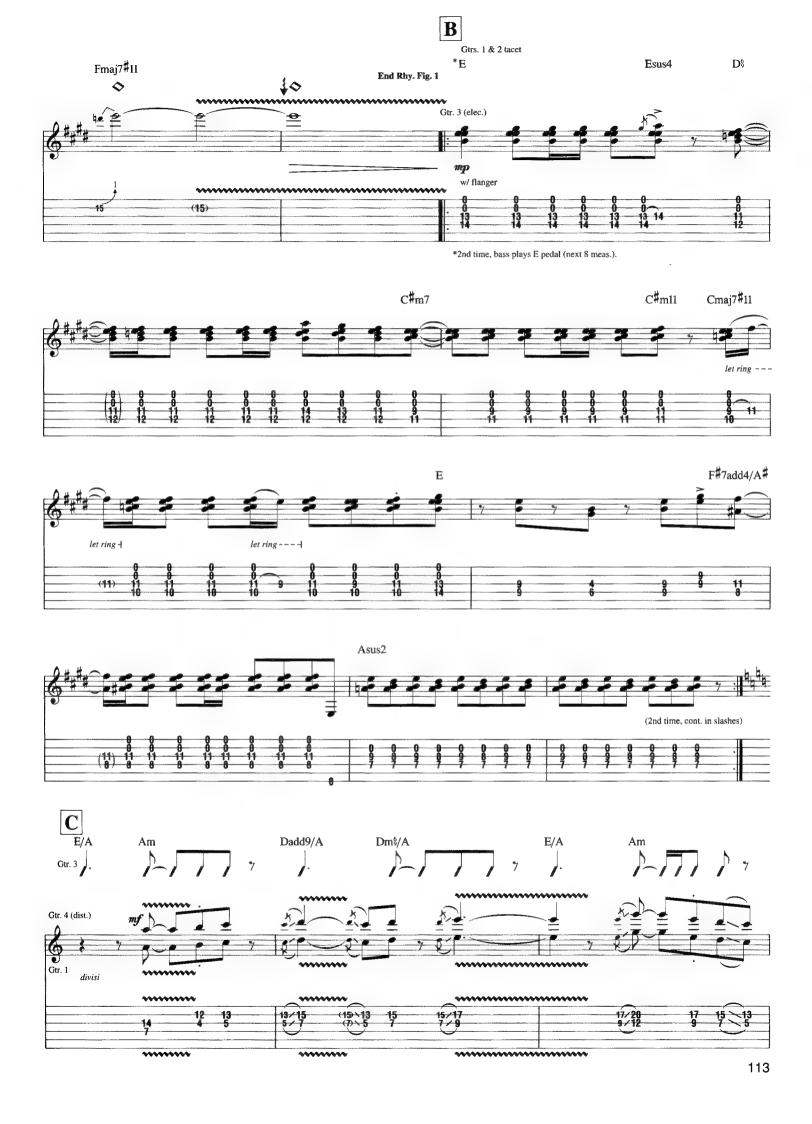
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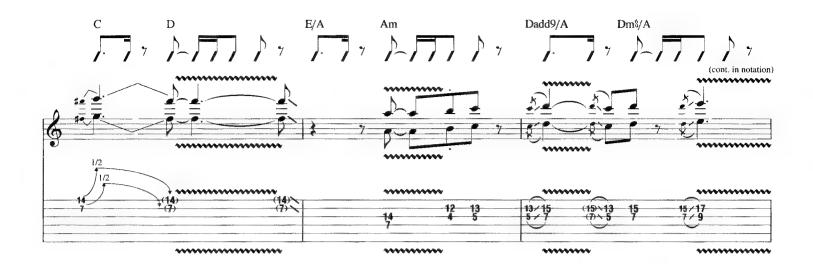


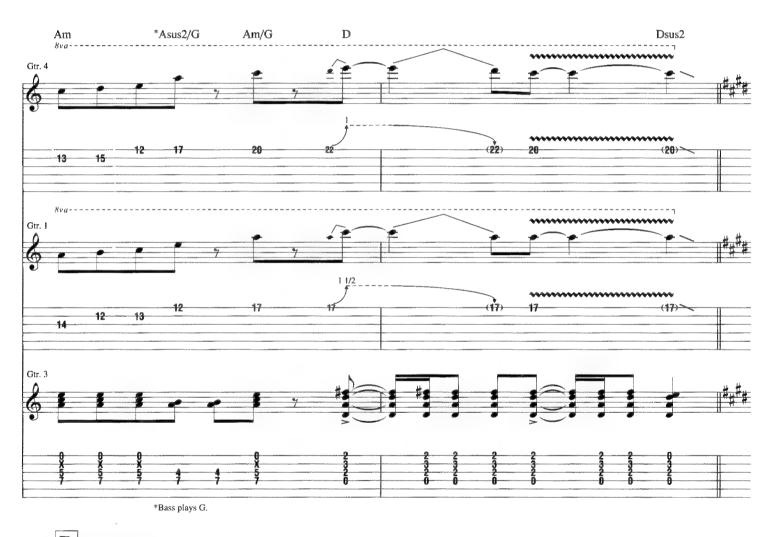


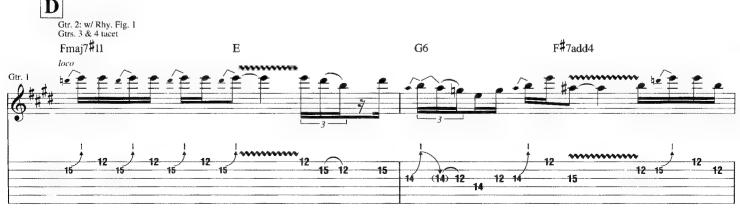






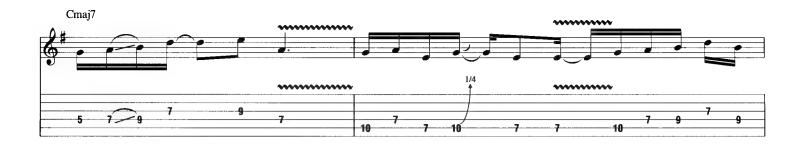




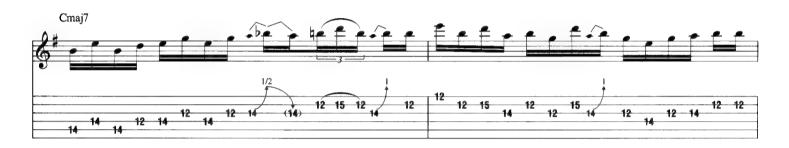


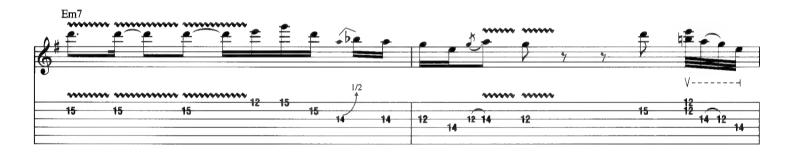


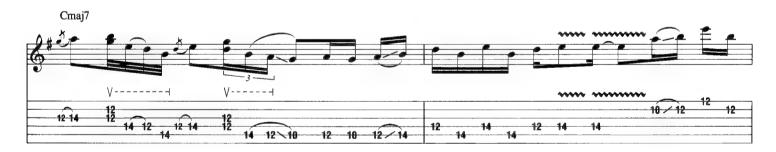


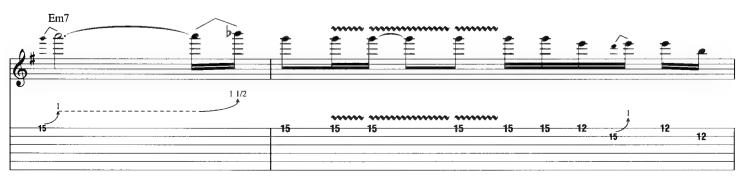


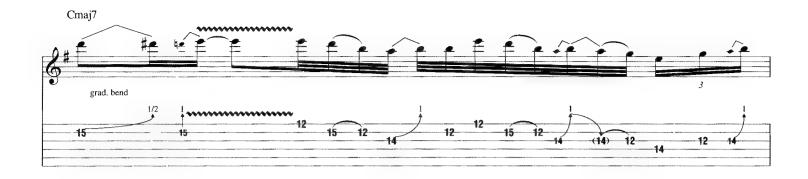


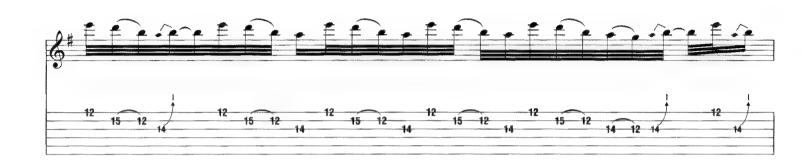


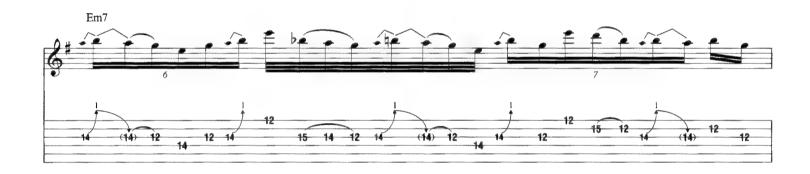


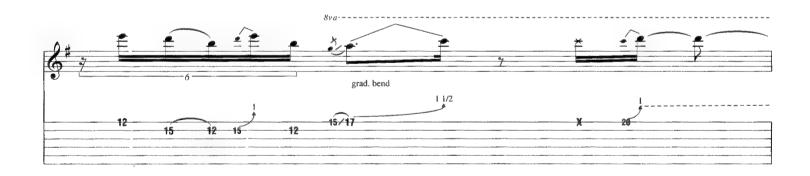


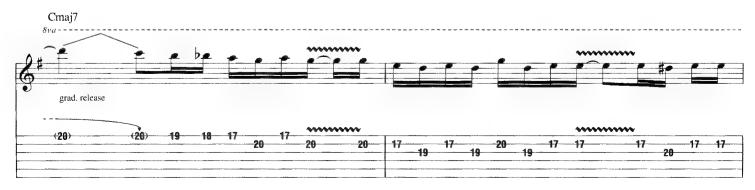








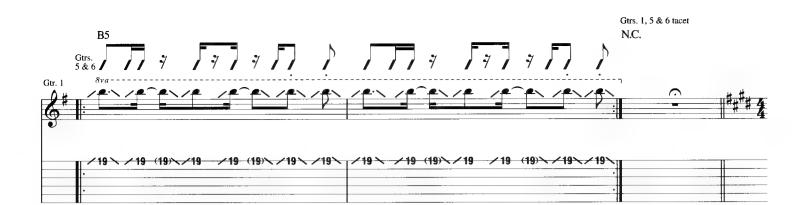


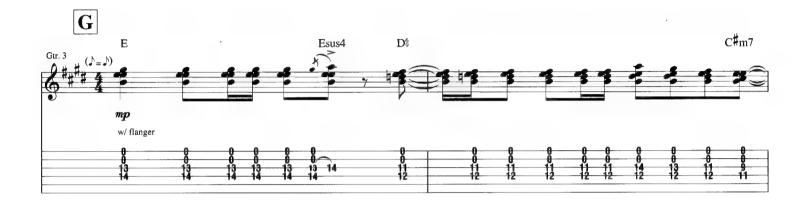


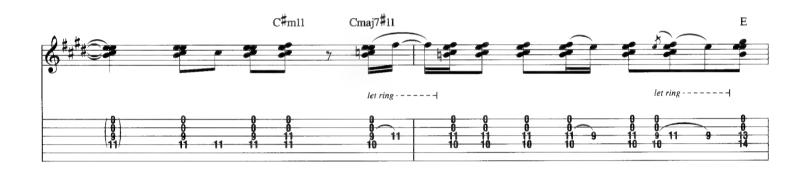


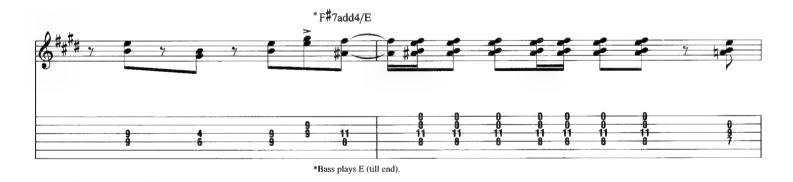








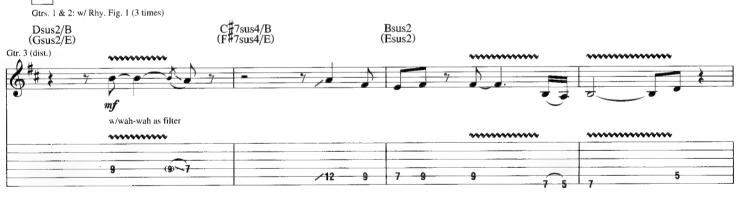


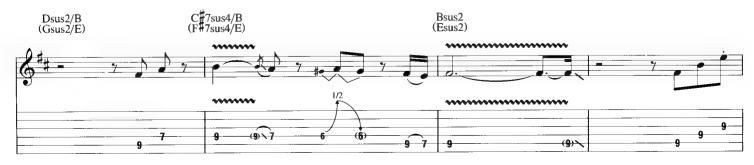




THE TRAVELER By Joe Satriani Gtrs. 1 & 2 chords: (Em(add9)) (E5) (Bm11(no root)) (Esus2) (Gmaj7) (Asus2) Gtr. 5 chords: B5 Asus2 Gmaj7 Bsus2 *Gtrs. 1 & 2: Tune down 2 1/2 steps: (low to high) B-E-A-D-F#-B Moderately J = 124C#7sus4/B (F#7sus4/E) ** Dsus2/B (Gsus2/E) Rhy. Fig. 1 Gtrs. 1 & 2 w/ clean tone *Baritone gtrs. arr. for standard gtrs. (music sounds a 4th lower than indicated). **Symbols in parentheses represent chord names respective to Baritone guitars.

Symbols above reflect actual sounding chords. Chord symbols reflect overall harmony. Bsus2 (Esus2) End Rhy. Fig. 1 \mathbf{B} C#7sus4/B (F#7sus4/E) Bsus2 (Esus2)

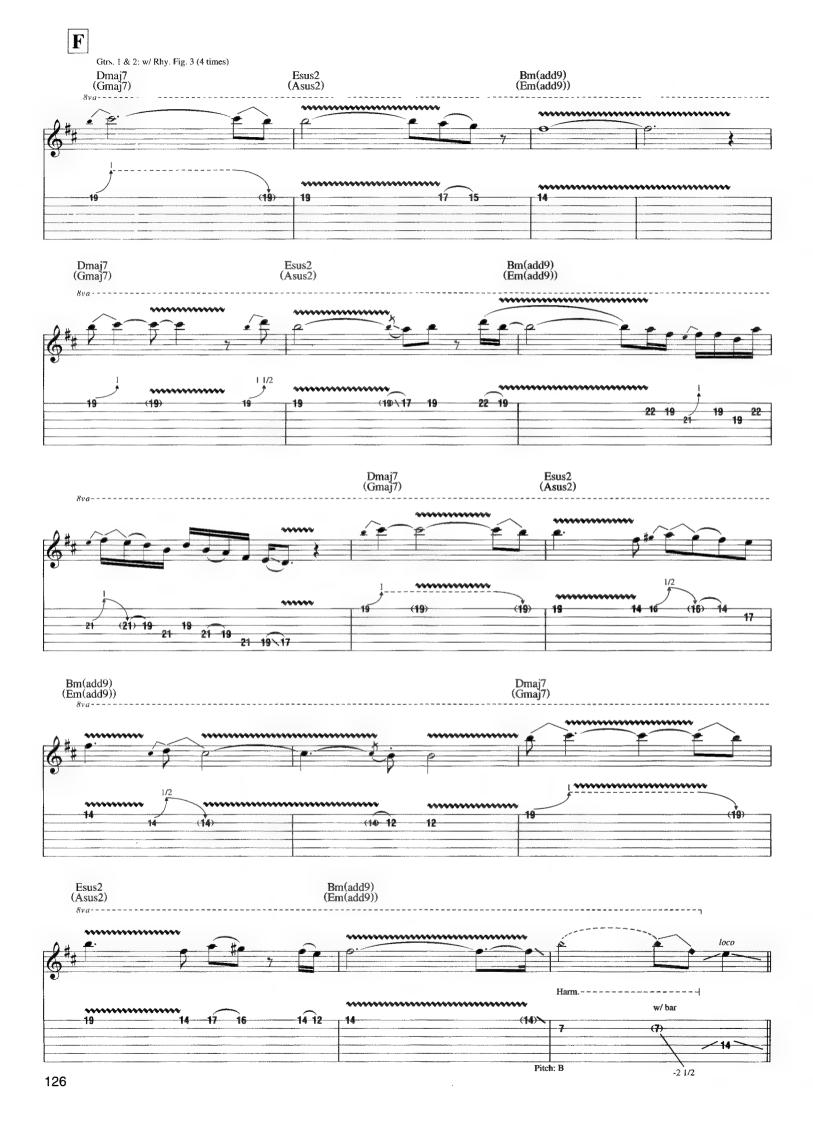








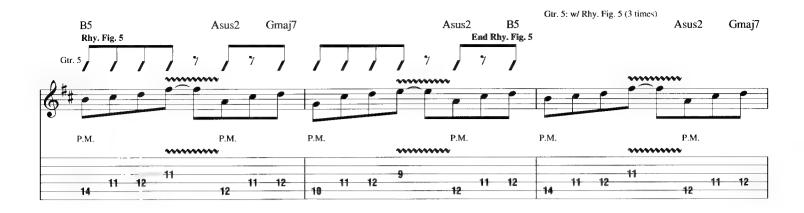


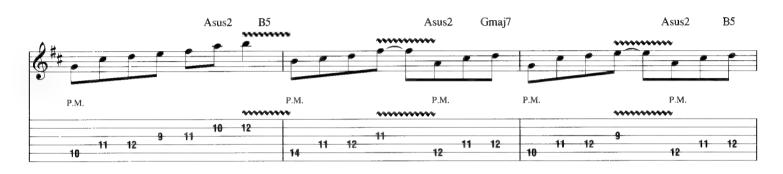


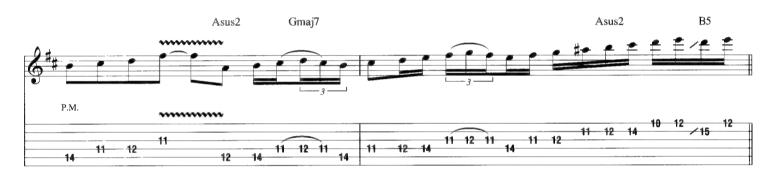


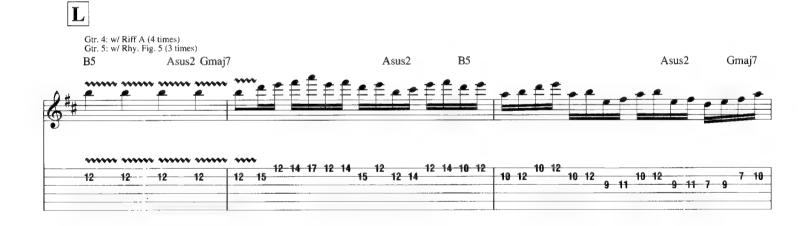


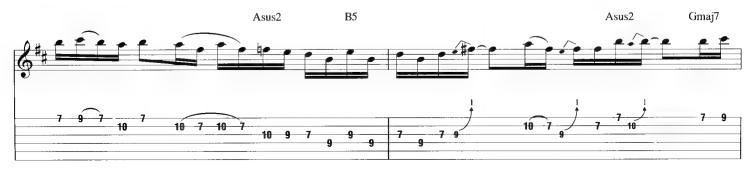










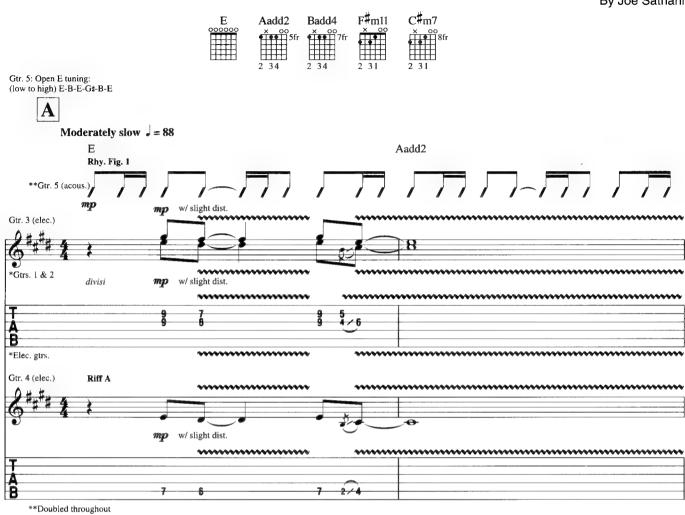


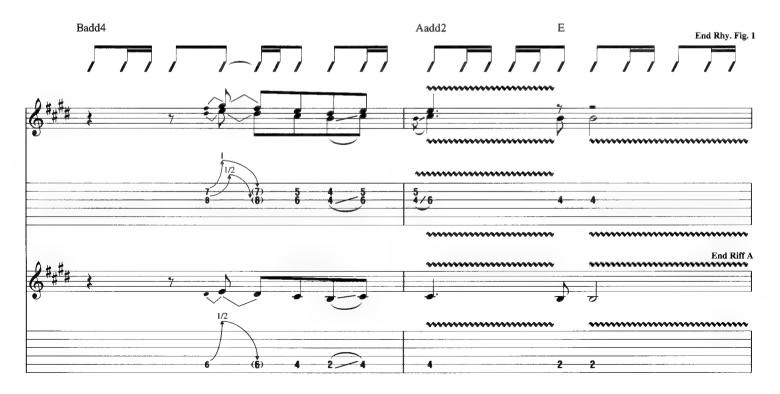


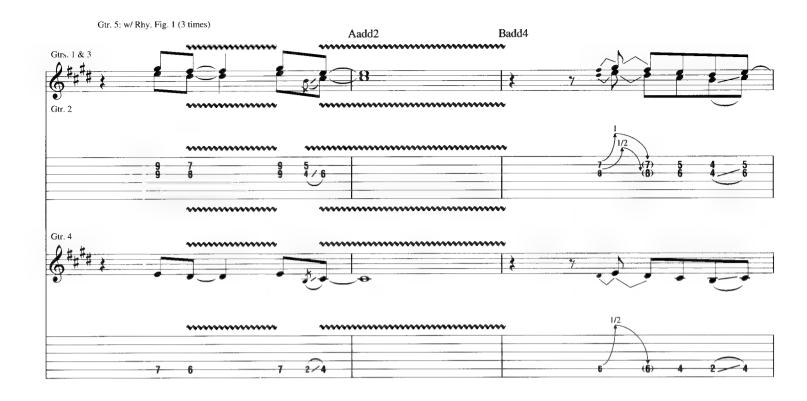


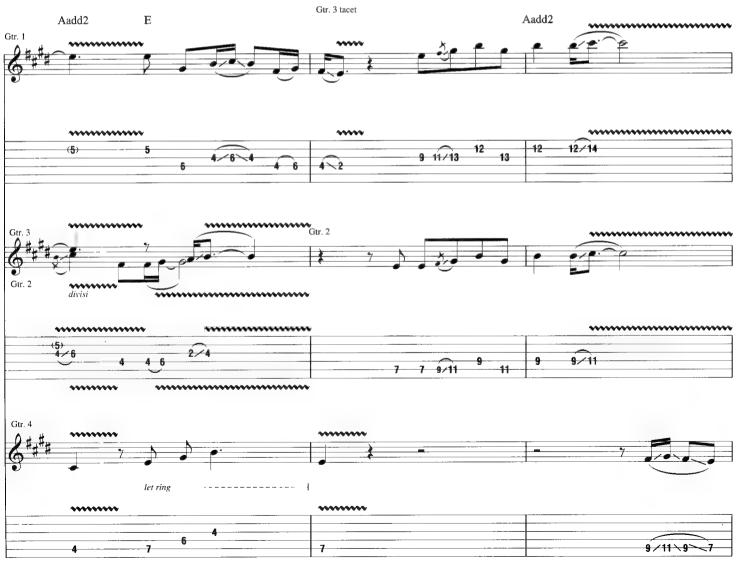
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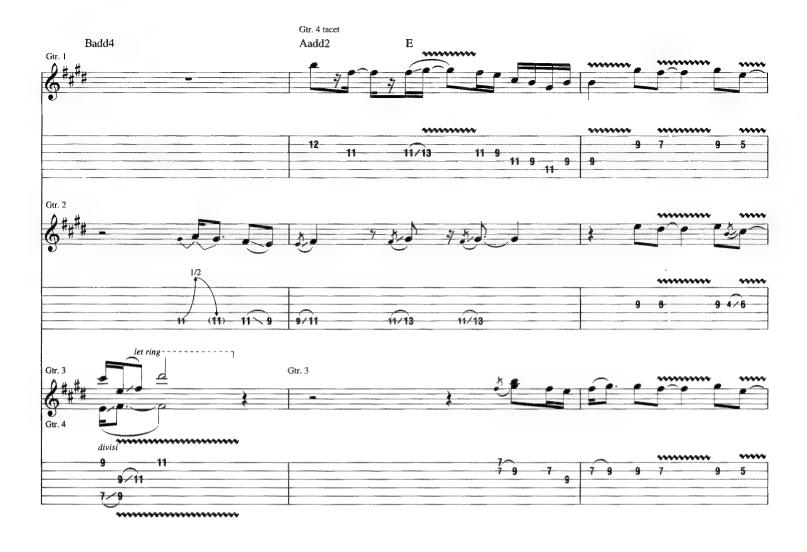
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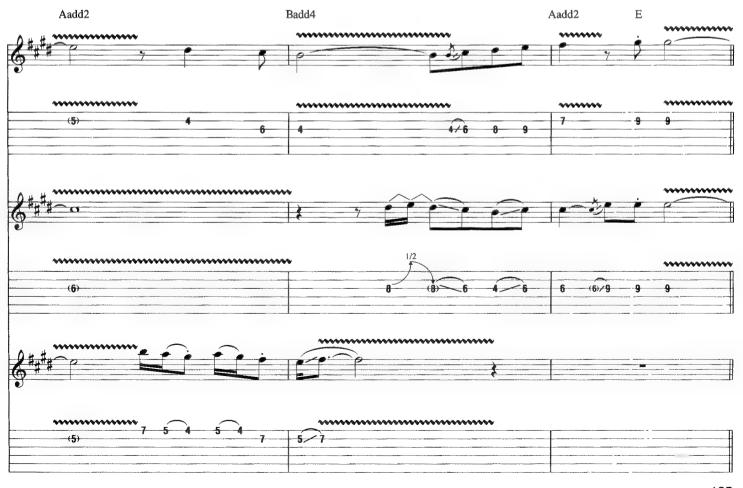


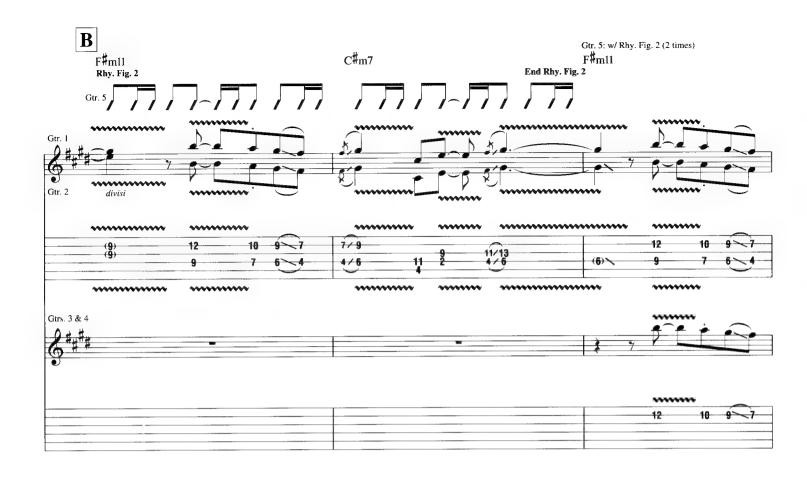


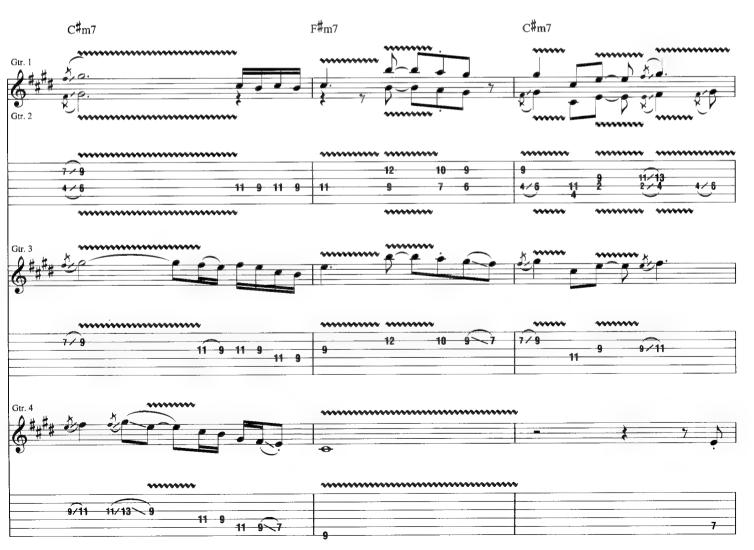


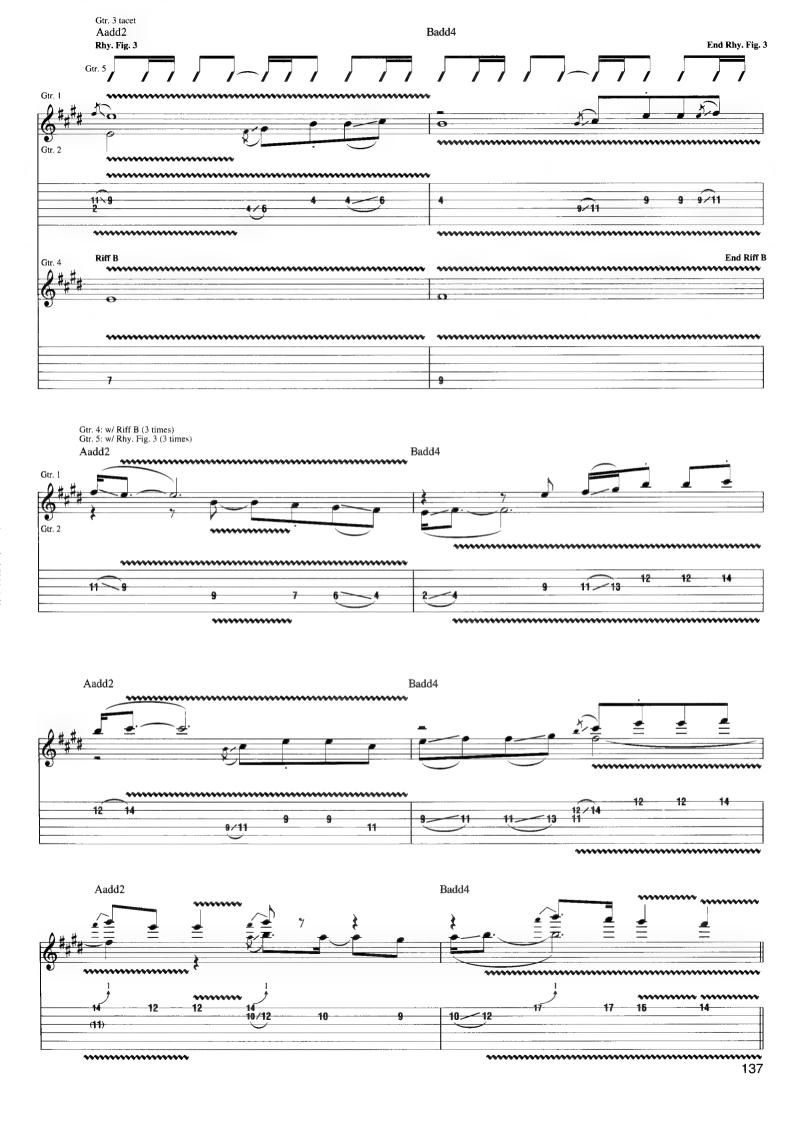


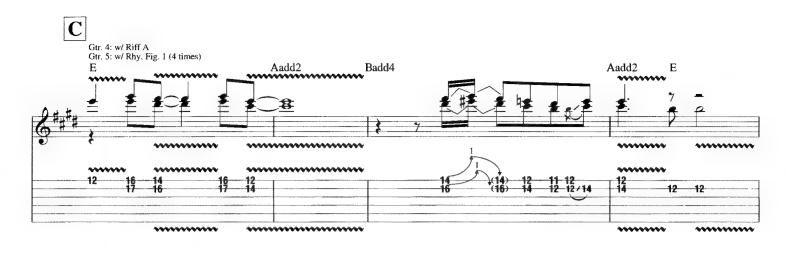


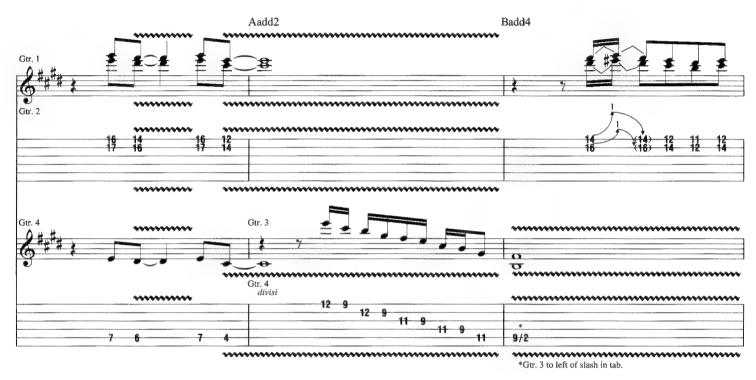


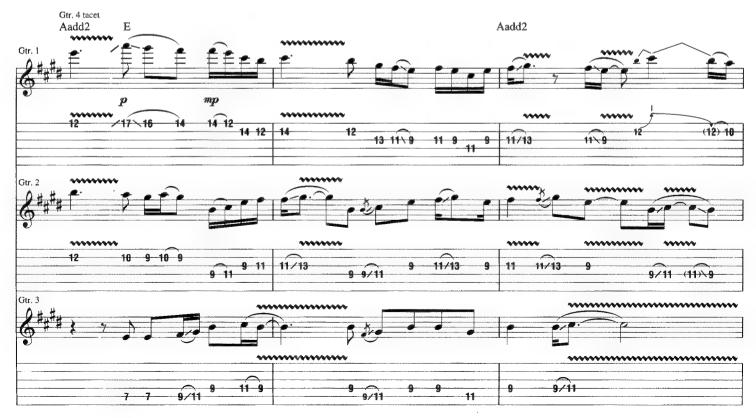


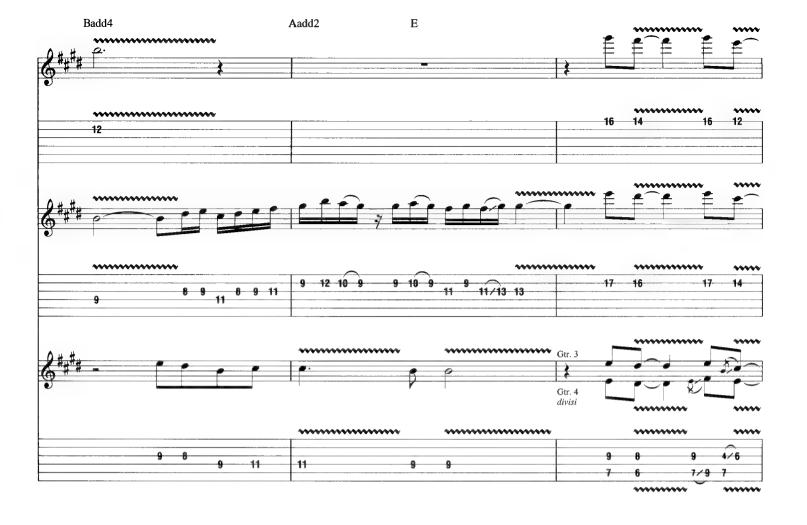


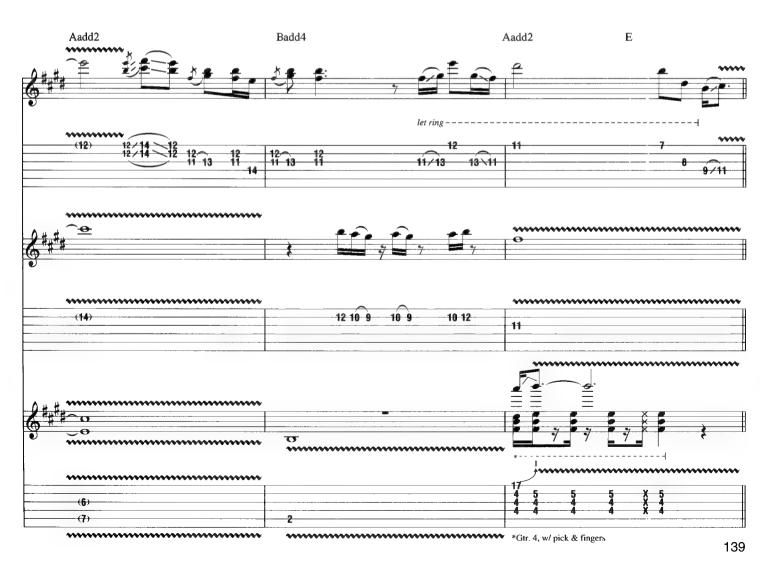


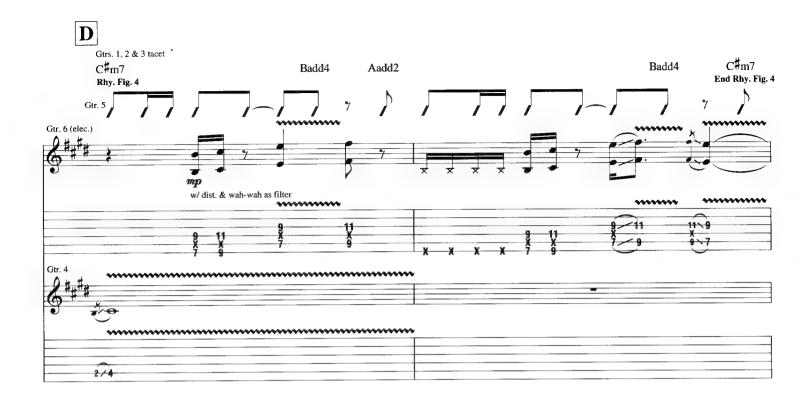


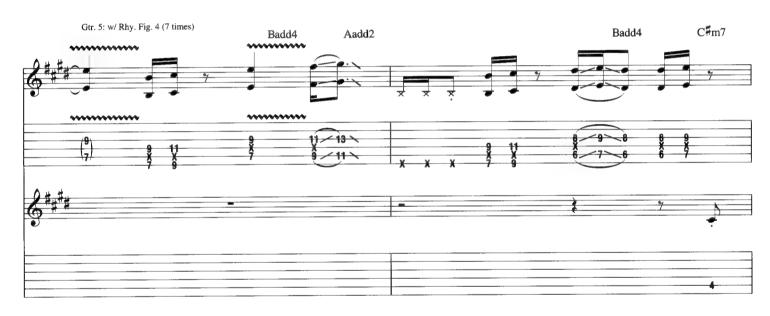


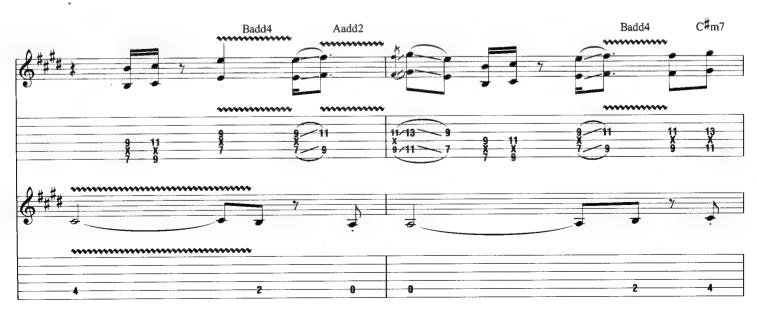


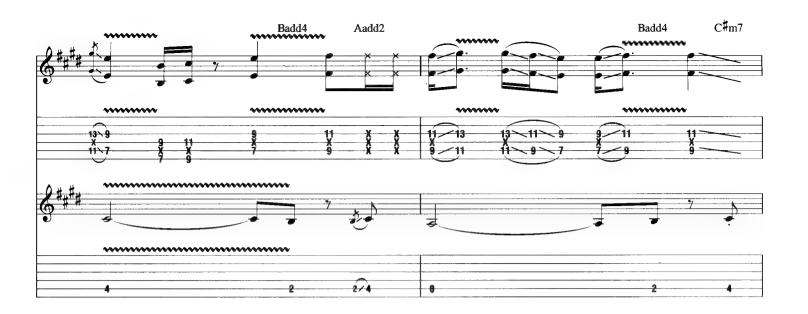


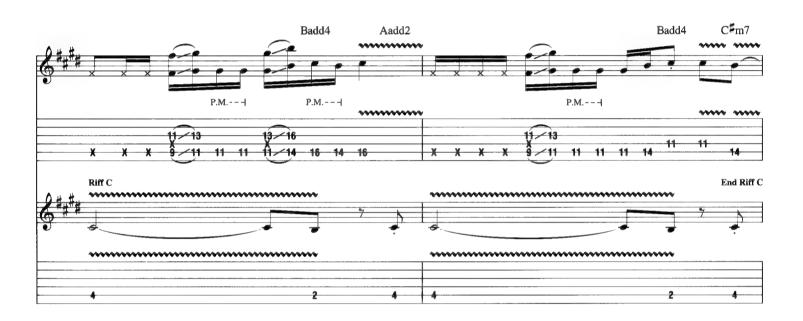


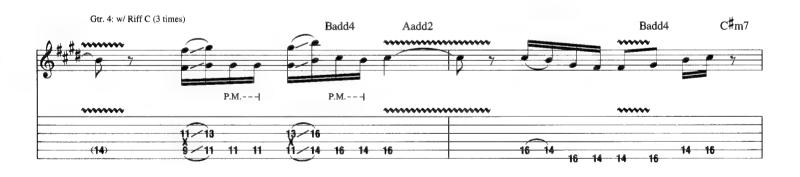


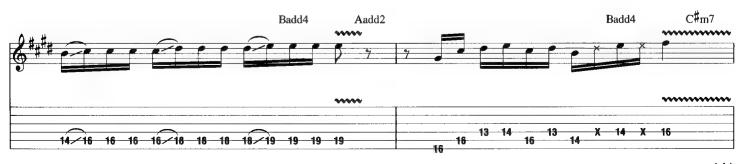


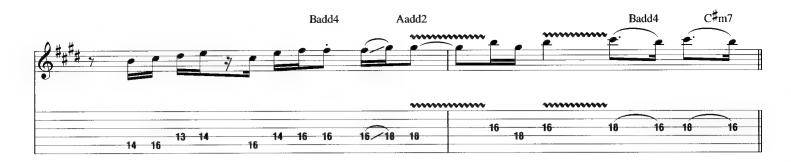


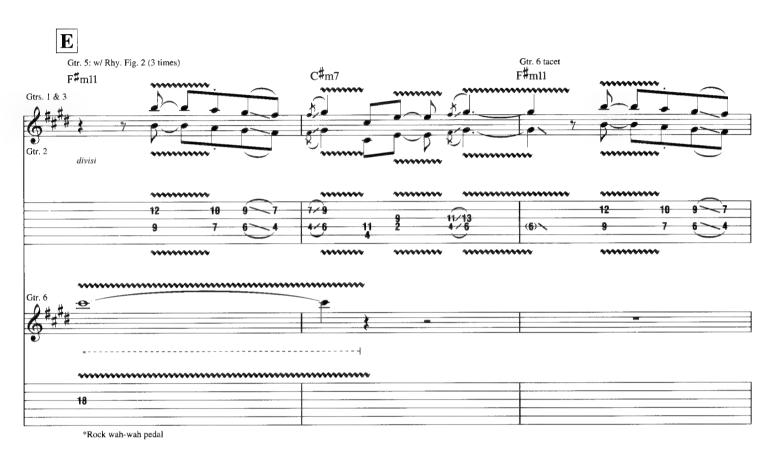


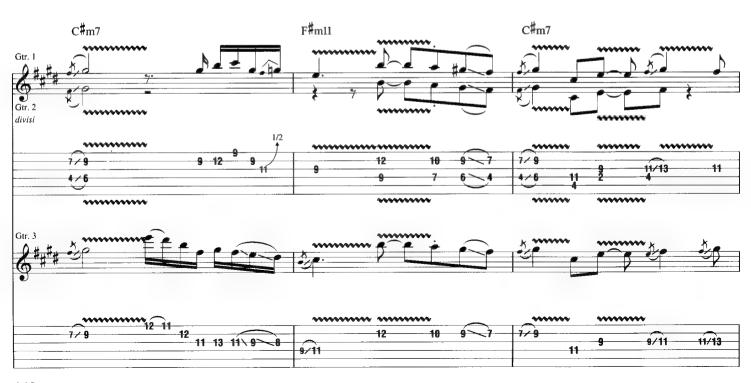




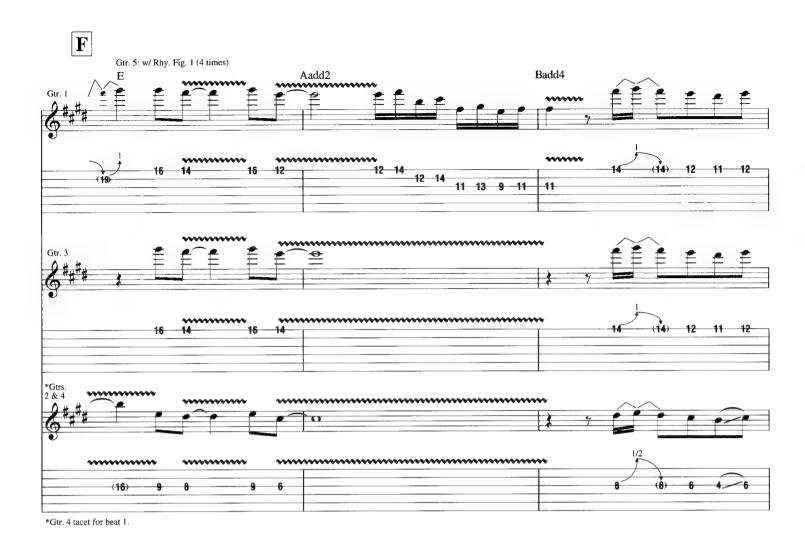


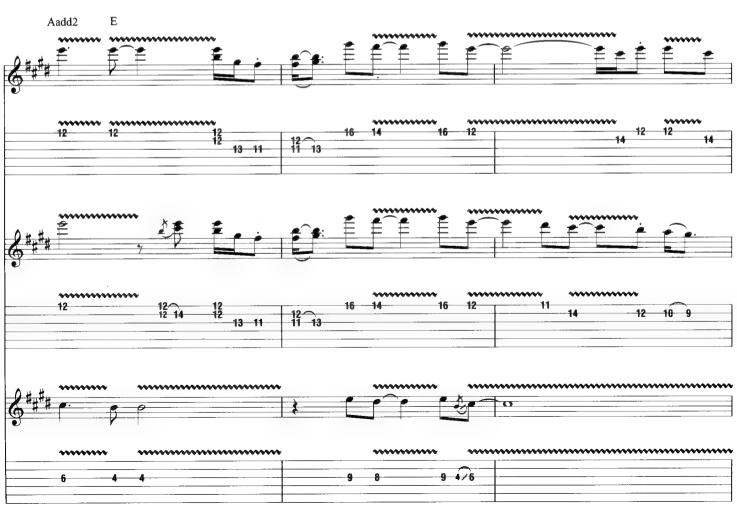


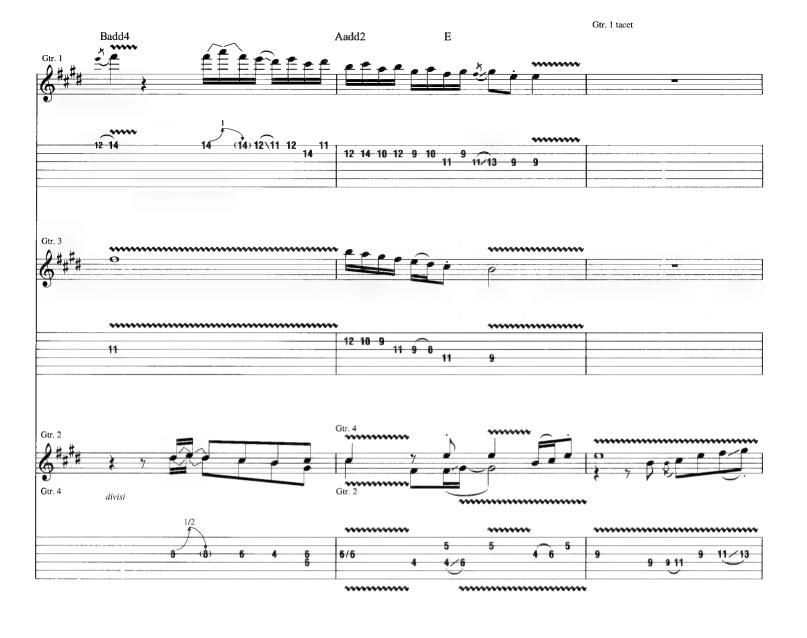


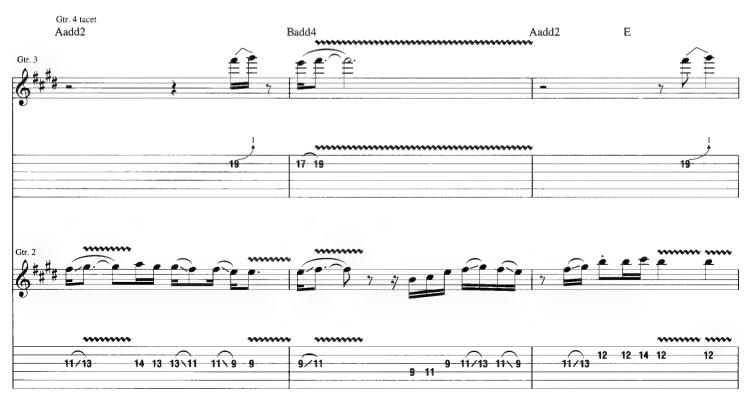


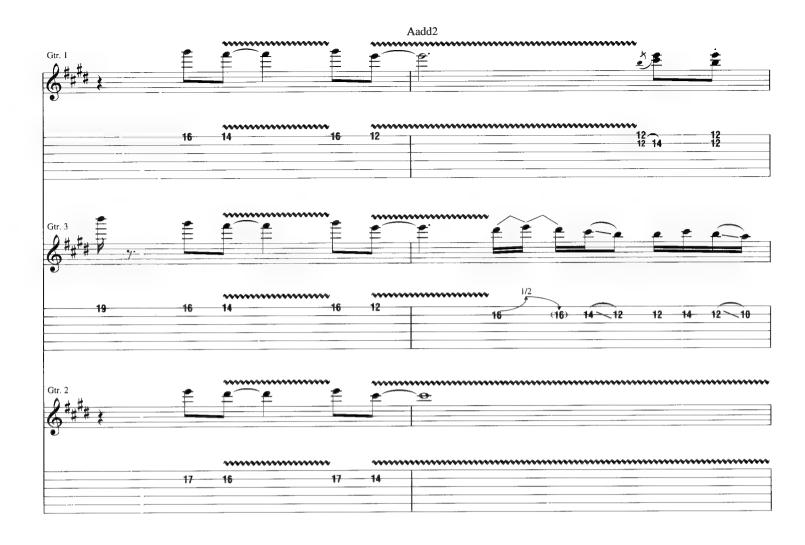


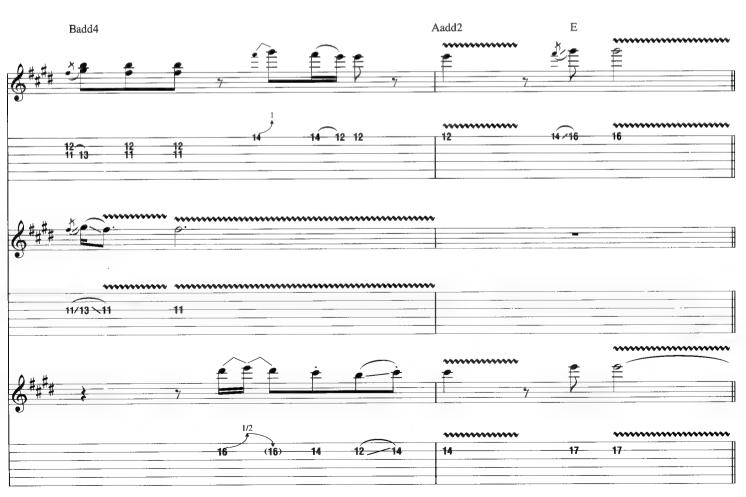








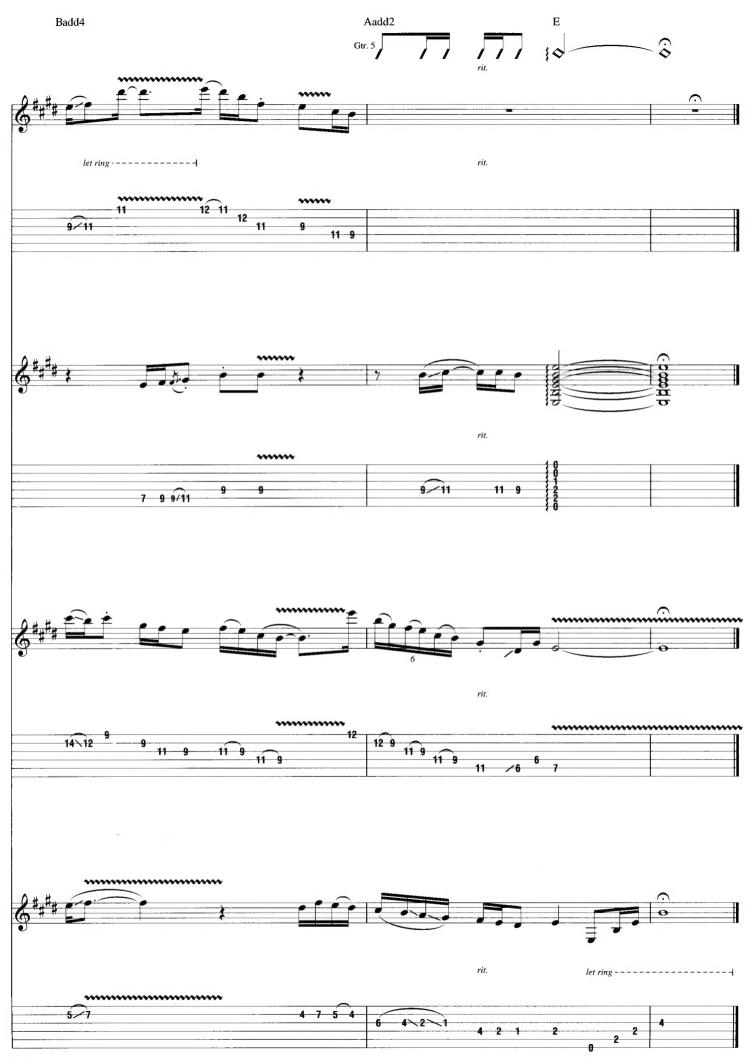












Guitar Notation Legend

Guitar Music can be notated three different ways: on a musical staff, in tablature, and in rhythm slashes.

RHYTHM SLASHES are written above the staff. Strum chords in the rhythm indicated. Use the chord diagrams found at the top of the first page of the transcription for the appropriate chord voicings. Round noteheads indicate single notes.

THE MUSICAL STAFF shows pitches and rhythms and is divided by bar lines into measures. Pitches are named after the first seven letters of the alphabet.

TABLATURE graphically represents the guitar fingerboard. Each horizontal line represents a string, and each number represents a fret.

HALF-STEP BEND: Strike the note and bend up 1/2 step.



BEND AND RELEASE: Strike the note and bend up as indicated, then release back to the original note. Only the first note is struck.



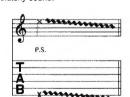
HAMMER-ON: Strike the first (lower) note with one finger, then sound the higher note (on the same string) with another finger by fretting it without picking.



TRILL: Very rapidly alternate between the notes indicated by continuously hammering on and pulling off.

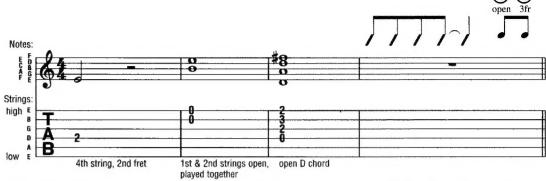


PICK SCRAPE: The edge of the pick is rubbed down (or up) the string, producing a scratchy sound



TREMOLO PICKING: The note is picked as rapidly and continuously as possible.





WHOLE-STEP BEND: Strike the note and bend up one step.



PRE-BEND: Bend the note as indicated, then



PULL-OFF: Place both fingers on the notes to be sounded. Strike the first note and without picking, pull the finger off to sound the second (lower) note.



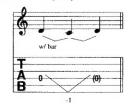
TAPPING: Hammer ("tap") the fret indicated with the pick-hand index or middle finger and pull off to the note fretted by the fret hand.



MUFFLED STRINGS: A percussive sound is produced by laying the fret hand across the string(s) without depressing, and striking them with the pick hand.



VIBRATO BAR DIVE AND RETURN: The pitch of the note or chord is dropped a specified number of steps (in rhythm) then returned to the original pitch.



GRACE NOTE BEND: Strike the note and immediately bend up as indicated.



VIBRATO: The string is vibrated by rapidly bending and releasing the note with the fretting hand.



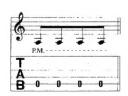
LEGATO SLIDE: Strike the first note and then slide the same fret-hand finger up or down to the second note. The second note is not strike.



NATURAL HARMONIC: Strike the note while the fret-hand lightly touches the string directly over the fret indicated.



PALM MUTING: The note is partially muted by the pick hand lightly touching the string(s) just before the bridge.



VIBRATO BAR SCOOP: Depress the bar just before striking the note, then quickly release the bar.



SLIGHT (MICROTONE) BEND: Strike the note and bend up 1/4 step.

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WIDE VIBRATO: The pitch is varied to a greater degree by vibrating with the fretting hand.



SHIFT SLIDE: Same as legato slide, except the second note is struck.



PINCH HARMONIC: The note is fretted normally and a harmonic is produced by adding the edge of the thumb or the tip of the index finger of the pick hand to the normal pick attack.



RAKE: Drag the pick across the strings indicated with a single motion.



VIBRATO BAR DIP: Strike the note and then immediately drop a specified number of steps, then release back to the original pitch.

















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